



Committee: House Ways and Means

Bill Number: HB 541 - Public Schools – Restocking Menstrual Hygiene Products - Requirement

Hearing Date: February 18, 2026

Position: Support

The Maryland Assembly on School-Based Health Care (MASBHC) supports *House Bill 541 - Public Schools - Restocking Menstrual Hygiene Products - Requirement*. The legislation requires each county board of education to ensure that each public school regularly restocks dispensers in the restrooms at the school with menstrual hygiene products.

MASBHC advocates for the almost 90 school-based health centers in underserved communities across the state. According to the 2023 State of the Period Study, 1 in 4 students who menstruate struggle to afford menstrual hygiene products.¹ Ensuring that period products are readily available in schools promotes equity and dignity for every student, regardless of their background or financial situation.

We ask for a favorable report on this legislation. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net or (443) 926-3443.

¹ State of the Period Study: 2023, <https://period.org/uploads/SOTP-2023.pdf>.