

Not being able to afford period products or have access to these products should not be what students have to worry about. This is an easily solvable problem. HB3294 can provide student menstruators with the confidence to go to school and not worry about being embarrassed or miss school or sports. This is a gender issue and should not put more burdens on students as there are enough pressures with school. There needs to be bathrooms that supply all necessary needs for each gender in bathrooms. We supply toilet paper and a menstruation cycle is not always known, and without access to supplies, there is a chance for embarrassment and stress and cause for a student to leave school and not come back. This bill can be a catalyst for systemic change and stop numerous unnecessary school absences and provide a positive experience for students. Students should just focus on their studies and not have to worry about a natural need or be put in embarrassing situations. PERIOD did a study in partnership with THINX about the effects of period poverty and lack of access to products. Startling one-in-five teens have struggled to afford period products or have not been able to purchase them at all, and one-in-four teens have missed class due to the lack of access to menstrual hygiene products. The link is here: [https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/0795/1599/files/State-of-the-Period-white-paper\\_Thinx\\_PERIOD.pdf?455788](https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/0795/1599/files/State-of-the-Period-white-paper_Thinx_PERIOD.pdf?455788)  
Please do the right thing, and pass HB3294, and don't let one more student miss school because of a natural need.  
Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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