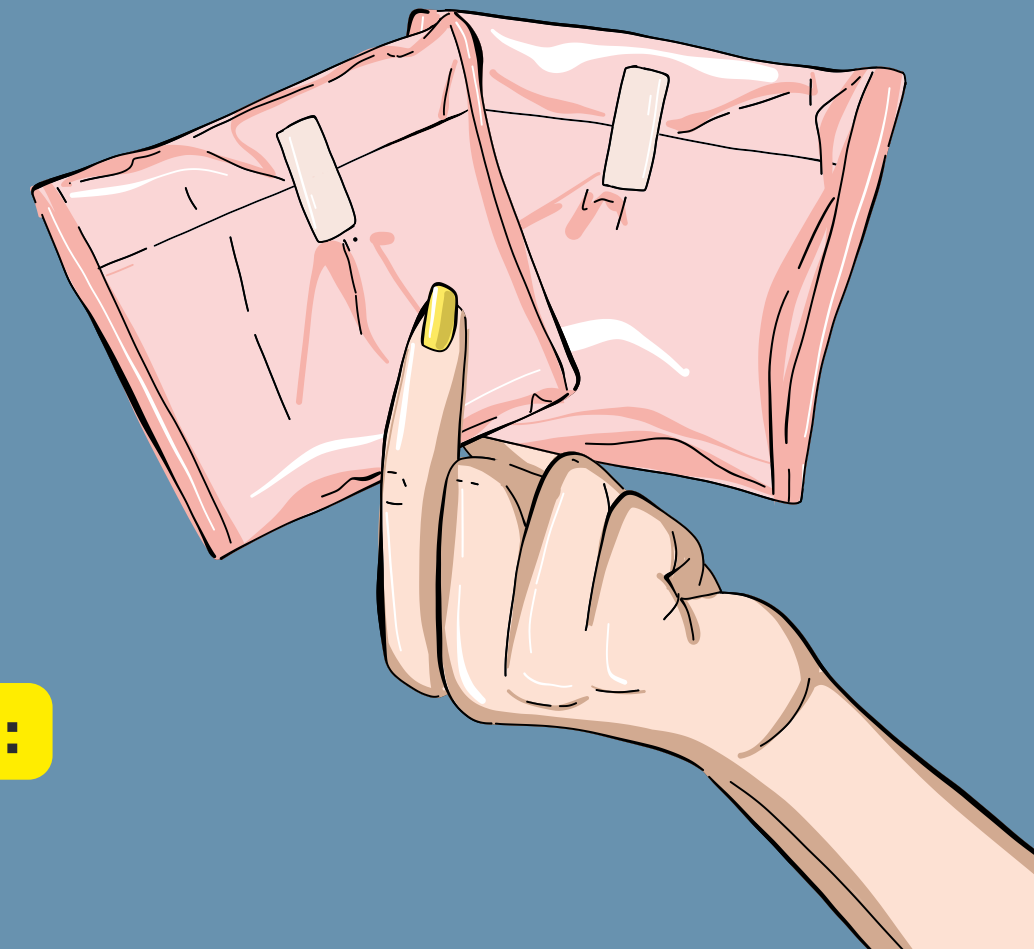


TAKE ACTION

HB 30: REQUIRE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES TO SUPPLY FREE FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS

This bill has been introduced and is expected to have its third hearing “require municipal and county correctional facilities and state correctional institutions to provide inmates experiencing a menstrual cycle with an adequate supply of feminine hygiene products.”

- Ensures multiple sizes of products, as needed, at no cost in all facilities
- Requires access to shower during cycle regardless of security level
- Requires hygienic storage and containers for disposals
- Addresses hygiene, health, sanitation, economic burdens and equity in prisons



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June 1, 2023

Greetings,

Subject: Support for HB 30 - Ensuring Free Access to Feminine Hygiene Products in Correctional Facilities

Dear [Legislator's Name],

We are a network of nonprofit, faith based, and reentry/criminal justice-focused organizations seeking your support for HB 30, a bill that addresses a pressing issue at the intersection of poverty, public health, hygiene, and basic human rights.

HB 30 will ensure free access to feminine hygiene products in correctional facilities. Currently, there is no mandate around hygiene products. Some Ohio correctional facilities require payment for hygiene products, while others provide only a limited amount or type of product, causing great hardship to incarcerated women. It is unacceptable that those who menstruate should face additional health and financial burdens while incarcerated, especially as inflation has driven up the costs of items available in the commissary. This issue ensures we treat all with dignity, regardless of their circumstances

Ohio's 2024-2025 fiscal budget designated \$5 million in funding for period products and dispensers. This funding requirement mandates that every school that enrolls girls in grades 6-12 provide free period products to their students. This bi-partisan initiative recognizes the importance of menstrual hygiene as a fundamental aspect of public health, equal access to education, and human dignity for Ohio's youth. Women in prison deserve these same provisions.

Providing access to feminine hygiene products is not only an issue of human rights but a matter of hygiene and public health especially critical to women living in shared housing with limited resources. We are ready to work alongside you to ensure that this bill becomes law to support the thousands of incarcerated women in our state.

We look forward to your support for HB 30 and urge your leadership to make this a priority bill in this General Assembly. If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Wendy Tarr
Executive Director,
Accompanying Returning Citizens With Hope (ARCH)

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