

## HR 3646

Menstrual Equity For All Act of 2023

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Work and Welfare.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Work and Welfare. (Dec 17, 2024)

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Rep. Ocasio-Cortez, Alexandria [D-NY-14]	D · NY		May 24, 2023
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Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Jun 13, 2023
Rep. Goldman, Daniel S. [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Jul 6, 2023
Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		Jul 11, 2023
Rep. Dean, Madeleine [D-PA-4]	D · PA		Jul 11, 2023
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Jul 13, 2023
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Jul 19, 2023
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Rep. Magaziner, Seth [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Jul 26, 2023
Rep. Ruppertsberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		Jul 27, 2023
Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-14]	D · FL		Aug 22, 2023
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Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		Nov 7, 2023
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Feb 6, 2024
Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Feb 9, 2024
Rep. Thanedar, Shri [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Feb 28, 2024

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Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]	D · WA		Sep 17, 2024
Rep. Mrvan, Frank J. [D-IN-1]	D · IN		Oct 25, 2024
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-36]	D · CA		Oct 29, 2024

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Budget Committee	House	Referred To	May 24, 2023
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	May 24, 2023
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 26, 2023
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	May 24, 2023
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	May 24, 2023
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	May 25, 2023
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 17, 2024

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 4475	Related bill	<b>Dec 17, 2024:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Work and Welfare.

## **Menstrual Equity For All Act of 2023**

This bill expands access to menstrual products through federal programs, in certain locations, and for particular groups. It also prohibits states and localities from taxing retail sales of a range of menstrual products (e.g., sanitary napkins, tampons, and menstrual cups).

The bill expands access to that range of menstrual products by

- requiring Medicaid to cover those products,
- establishing a grant program in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program to provide benefits to ensure access to those products, and
- increasing Social Services Block Grant funding for providing those products to low-income individuals and exempting that increase from sequestration (a process of automatic, usually across-the-board cancellations of budgetary resources to enforce specific budget policy goals).

Additionally, the bill sets out requirements to make free sanitary napkins and tampons available in federal and state correctional facilities (including Department of Homeland Security detention facilities) and restrooms in federal buildings that are open to the public.

Further, the bill (1) establishes a grant program to support the provision of free sanitary napkins and tampons on campuses of institutions of higher education, and (2) permits elementary and secondary schools to use certain grants to provide sanitary napkins and tampons to students.

In addition, the bill requires employers with at least 100 employees to provide free sanitary napkins and tampons for employees.

It also permits the Emergency Food and Shelter Program to provide sanitary napkins and tampons to homeless individuals.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Dec 17, 2024:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Work and Welfare.
- **May 26, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 25, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
- **May 24, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **May 24, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Financial Services, Energy and Commerce, Transportation and Infrastructure, Ways and Means, and the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.