

Period Poverty Fact Sheet

HB 741 - Rep. Mitten (D-83, St. Louis)

HB 747 - Rep. Neely (R-8, Cameron)

SB 443 - Sen. Schupp (D-24, St. Louis)

These bills lower the sales tax on period products and diapers

- 1 in 4 women struggled to purchase period products within the past year due to lack of income.*
- 1 in 5 low-income women report missing work, school or similar events due to lack of access to period supplies.*
- Lack of access to period supplies is linked to using substitute products (toilet tissue or socks), stretching product usage, and missing important events.*
- An overwhelming 88% of women agree that period products are a basic necessity.*
- Only 4% of women are aware of a local resource where free or reduced cost period supplies are available.*
- State and federal safety-net programs cannot be used to purchase period supplies.

* Source: 2018 U by Kotex survey conducted with YouGov