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During my time in middle school and high school, essential menstrual products weren't available in bathrooms. Instead, those who needed products were expected to go to the nurse's office and ask for a pad or tampon, and there was no guarantee that the nurse would have something for everyone to use.

The passing and legislation of this bill would help make people who menstruate able to simply and easily get access to a product without having to go out of their way to take care of a bodily function. Menstruating isn't a choice and should be treated as such. The idea that young menstruators (including myself) have had to take a separate trip to a drug store, nurse's office, local clinic, or buy their own products to be used in school further encourages the stigma around menstruation and emphasizes that it's not a human issue, when over half the population deals with it. The passing of this bill would send a message that menstruation is normal, and that school shouldn't be a place where young folks should be embarrassed about their bodies.

Many of my friends have had times when their family wasn't able to get them period products, which left them feeling out of options. The passing of this bill would help to reduce people's experiences like this in the future. Missing a day or a week of school due to one's period sets them back in their schoolwork, and the passing of this bill would help to ensure that people will attend school while menstruating.