



# Period Poverty Act Expected to be Implemented in October



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With school back in session, the implementation of the Period Poverty Act is expected this October. Still, in the months leading up to that, the Bureau of Women's Affairs has asked the community to provide feminine hygiene products to fill the gaps leading up to October.

Jayne Flores, Director of the Bureau of Women's Affairs, is asking island non-profit clubs and businesses to consider donating menstrual products to the public schools their children attend.

In 2019, BWA worked with the non-profit organization Island Girl Power to start Project Sottera, an effort to get menstrual products into public schools to help girls stay in school.

Then In December of 2021, Governor Lou Leon Guerrero signed Public Law 36-66, which mandated that all public and charter schools stock and regularly provide menstrual products for students.

The law was supposed to go into effect immediately; unfortunately, the budget for the SY 2021-22 had already been adopted, and the new fiscal year doesn't start until October.

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