

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to lactation space in courthouses;  
 3           creating s. 29.24, F.S.; requiring at least one  
 4           lactation space to be provided in each county  
 5           courthouse; providing requirements for the lactation  
 6           space; authorizing the use of state or private funds  
 7           to provide lactation spaces in appellate courthouses;  
 8           providing exceptions; providing a declaration of  
 9           important state interest; providing an effective date.

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 11   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 13           Section 1.   Section 29.24, Florida Statutes, is created to  
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15           29.24 Lactation space in courthouses.-

16           (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, by  
 17   January 1, 2023, each county courthouse must provide at least  
 18   one dedicated lactation space outside of the confines of a  
 19   restroom for members of the public to express breast milk or  
 20   breastfeed in private. The space must be hygienic, be shielded  
 21   from public view, be free from intrusion while occupied, and  
 22   contain an electrical outlet.

23           (2) The person responsible for the operation of the  
 24   facility housing each district court of appeal may use state-  
 25   appropriated funds or private funding to provide a lactation

26 space as set forth in subsection (1).

27 (3) The requirements of subsection (1) do not apply to a  
 28 courthouse if the person who is responsible for the operation of  
 29 the courthouse determines that:

30 (a) The courthouse does not contain a lactation space for  
 31 employees which may be used by the members of the public and the  
 32 courthouse does not have:

33 1. A space that could be repurposed as a lactation space  
 34 open to the public; or

35 2. A space that could be made private at a reasonable cost  
 36 using portable materials, contingent upon private funding being  
 37 made available for those costs.

38 (b) New construction would be required to create the  
 39 lactation space.

40 Section 2. The Legislature finds that this act fulfills an  
 41 important state interest.

42 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.