

By Senator Berman

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

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:

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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.