

By Senator Berman

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

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

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14 Section 1. Section 29.24, Florida Statutes, is created to
15 read:

16 29.24 Lactation spaces in courthouses.-

17 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, by
18 January 1, 2024, each county courthouse must provide at least
19 one dedicated lactation space for members of the public to
20 express breast milk or breastfeed in private outside of the
21 confines of a restroom. The space must be hygienic, be shielded
22 from public view, be free from intrusion while occupied, and
23 contain an electrical outlet.

24 (2) The person responsible for the operation of the
25 facility housing each district court of appeal may use state-
26 appropriated funds or private funding to provide a lactation
27 space as set forth in subsection (1).

28 (3) The requirements of subsection (1) do not apply to a
29 courthouse if the person responsible for the operation of the

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30 courthouse determines that:

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

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

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

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

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

43 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.