
DIGEST

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HB No. 313

Abstract: Requires that suitable areas for breastfeeding and lactation shall be caused to be constructed in 10 state buildings by July 1, 2014.

Proposed law provides that for the purposes of proposed law, "state buildings" shall mean state-owned buildings, educational institutions, and office buildings which are constructed, renovated, or remodeled in whole or in part by the use of state funds, or the funds of any board, commission, agency, or department of the state.

Proposed law provides that the provisions of proposed law shall not apply to buildings constructed by parish or city school boards.

Proposed law requires that certain state buildings provide suitable accommodation in the form of a room, other than a toilet stall, for the exclusive use of women to breastfeed a child or express breast milk.

Proposed law requires that such breastfeeding and lactation accommodation have, at a minimum, all of the following features:

- (1) A lockable door.
- (2) A work surface and chair.
- (3) Storage for cleaning supplies.
- (4) Conveniently placed electrical outlets.

Proposed law requires the superintendent of the office of state buildings to cause to be constructed at least one room as described in proposed law in 10 state buildings on or before July 1, 2014. The superintendent shall select the buildings in which the specified rooms shall be constructed according to criteria including but not limited to cost minimization and demand for utilization.

Proposed law authorizes the office of state buildings to construct rooms of the type provided for in proposed law in more than 10 public buildings.

Proposed law authorizes the office of state buildings to contract for and accept private

contributions, gifts, and grants, or in-kind aid from the federal government, the state, or any other source to carry out the provisions of proposed law.

Effective July 1, 2012.

(Adds R.S. 49:148.4.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the original bill.

1. Deleted certain minimum accomodation requirements.
2. Limited mandatory application of proposed law to at least one room in 10 buildings. Required that such rooms shall be caused to be constructed on or before July 1, 2014.
3. Provided that additional rooms may be constructed subject to appropriation.
4. Permitted the office of state buildings to accept money from other sources to carry out the provisions of proposed law.
5. Added an effective date.