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HOUSE BILL NO. 313

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Subpart D-1 of Part VII of Chapter 1 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes  
3 of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 49:148.4.1, relative to certain public buildings; to  
4 provide for suitable accommodation for breastfeeding and lactation; to provide  
5 specifications for design features; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. Subpart D-1 of Part VII of Chapter 1 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised  
8 Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 49:148.4.1, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 SUBPART D-1. PUBLIC BUILDINGS - ACCOMMODATION FOR

10 BREASTFEEDING AND LACTATION

11 §148.4.1. State-owned buildings; suitable accommodation for breastfeeding and  
12 lactation

13 A. The requirements set forth in this Section shall apply to the state-owned  
14 buildings, educational institutions, and office buildings provided for in Subsection  
15 C of this Section which are constructed, renovated, or remodeled in whole or in part  
16 by the use of state funds, or the funds of any board, commission, agency, or  
17 department of the state, referred to hereafter as "state buildings"; provided, however,

1        that the provisions of this Subpart shall not apply to buildings constructed by parish  
2        or city school boards.

3                B. The state buildings provided for in Subsection C of this Section shall  
4        provide suitable accommodation in the form of a room, other than a toilet stall, for  
5        the exclusive use of women to breastfeed a child or express breast milk. Such  
6        accommodation shall have, at minimum, all of the following features:

7                    (1) A lockable door.

8                    (2) A work surface and chair.

9                    (3) Storage for cleaning supplies.

10                  (4) Conveniently placed electrical outlets.

11                C. On or before July 1, 2014, the superintendent of the office of state  
12        buildings shall cause to be constructed in exactly ten state buildings rooms of the  
13        type provided for in this Subpart, in a number of at least one room per building. The  
14        superintendent shall select the buildings in which the specified rooms shall be  
15        constructed according to criteria including but not limited to the following:

16                  (1) Cost minimization. The superintendent shall consider the particular  
17        design aspects of different areas within public buildings in order to determine  
18        feasibility of construction of the specified room and to carry out such construction  
19        in a manner that minimizes cost.

20                  (2) Demand for utilization. The superintendent shall consider the estimated  
21        demand for utilization of the specified room by employees domiciled in the building  
22        and the public.

23                D. Subject to appropriation, the office of state buildings may construct rooms  
24        of the type provided for in this Subpart in a number of public buildings greater than  
25        ten.

26                E. To carry out the provisions of this Subpart, the office of state buildings  
27        may contract for and accept private contributions, gifts, and grants, or in-kind aid  
28        from the federal government, the state, or any other source.

1           Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2012.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_