

CHAPTER 2023-88

Senate Bill No. 144

An act relating to lactation spaces; creating s. 29.24, F.S.; requiring each county courthouse to provide at least one lactation space for members of the public by a specified date; providing requirements for such lactation space; authorizing the use of state or private funds to provide lactation spaces in appellate courthouses; providing exceptions; declaring that this act fulfills an important state interest; providing an effective date.

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

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

29.24 Lactation spaces in courthouses.—

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, by January 1, 2024, each county courthouse must provide at least one dedicated lactation space outside the confines of a restroom for members of the public to express breast milk or breastfeed in private. The space must:

(a) Be hygienic, clean and sanitary, and conducive to maintaining and preventing disease;

(b) Be shielded from public view;

(c) Be free from intrusion while occupied; and

(d) Contain an electrical outlet.

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

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

(a) New construction would be required to create the lactation space; and

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

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

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor May 17, 2023.

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