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S.B. No. 1479

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to reasonable break times and facilities for school district educators expressing breast milk.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 21, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 21.4051 to read as follows:

Sec. 21.4051. TIME AND FACILITIES FOR EXPRESSING BREAST MILK. A school district must:

(1) provide a reasonable amount of break time at appropriate intervals to accommodate an educator desiring to express breast milk for a child of the educator who is under one year of age; and

(2) provide a room or other location in close proximity to the educator's work area, other than a toilet stall or restroom, with an accessible electrical outlet and a locking door where the educator can express breast milk in private.

SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2015-2016 school year.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.