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S.B. No. 279

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the expression of breast milk in the Capitol and other public buildings.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 443, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 443.0134 to read as follows:

Sec. 443.0134. PLACE TO EXPRESS BREAST MILK. The board shall provide a place in the Capitol, other than a bathroom, that is shielded from view and free from intrusion of any person where a member of the public or an employee can express breast milk.

SECTION 2. Section 619.004, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 619.004. PUBLIC EMPLOYER RESPONSIBILITIES. (a) A public employer shall:

(1) provide a reasonable amount of break time for an employee to express breast milk each time the employee has need to express the milk; and

(2) provide a place, other than a ~~multiple-user~~ bathroom, that is shielded from view and free from intrusion from other employees and the public where the employee can express breast milk.

(b) A public employer that engages in or contracts for the construction or renovation of any building in which the public employer is housed shall ensure that the building includes a

1 publicly accessible place, other than a bathroom, that is shielded
2 from view and free from intrusion of another person where a member
3 of the public can express breast milk.

4 SECTION 3. As soon as practicable after the effective date
5 of this Act, the State Preservation Board shall establish a place in
6 the Capitol for a person to express breast milk as required by
7 Section 443.0134, Government Code, as added by this Act.

8 SECTION 4. Section 619.004(b), Government Code, as added by
9 this Act, applies only to the construction or renovation of a
10 building in which a public employer is housed that begins on or
11 after the effective date of this Act.

12 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.