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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to information regarding breast-feeding.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter A, Chapter 165, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 165.005 to read as follows:

Sec. 165.005.  INFORMATION REGARDING BREAST-FEEDING. (a) In this section:

(1)  "Birthing center" means a facility licensed under Chapter 244.

(2)  "Hospital" means a facility licensed under Chapter 241 or a hospital maintained or operated by this state.

(b)  A hospital or birthing center shall provide as appropriate and at no cost to each mother who gives birth at the hospital or center information regarding breast-feeding that includes:

(1)  a mother's right to breast-feed as described by Section 165.002 and as applicable to express breast milk at the mother's public employer workplace as described by Chapter 619, Government Code;

(2)  the nutritional, medical, and emotional benefits of breast-feeding for the mother and the child;

(3)  common breast-feeding problems and solutions to those problems; and

(4)  preparation of the mother and the child for breast-feeding.

(c)  The commission shall make the information described by Subsection (b) available on the commission's Internet website in a format that may be easily printed. The commission may provide the information described by Subsection (b) in writing to hospitals and birthing centers if the commission determines that providing written information is cost-effective.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.