OLR Bill Analysis
sSB 533

AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO DIAPER CHANGING STATIONS IN PUBLIC AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the State Building Inspector and the Codes and Standards Committee to revise the State Building Code to require newly constructed or substantially renovated public or commercial buildings with at least one public restroom to have a certain number of safe, sanitary, and convenient baby diaper changing tables. (It does not set a deadline by which they must do so.) For each floor that is open to the public, the bill requires that these buildings have (1) at least two such changing tables with one accessible to women and one accessible to men or (2) at least one that is accessible to both women and men.

By law, the State Building Code is the building code for all towns, cities, and boroughs, and state buildings (CGS §§ 29-252a & 29-253). With certain exceptions, federal law already requires that public restrooms in federal buildings have safe and sanitary baby changing facilities (40 USC § 3314).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2019

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute
Yea 20 Nay 4 (03/19/2019)