OLR Bill Analysis
sSB 533 (File 443, as amended by Senate "A" and "B")*

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, by January 1, 2020, to require newly constructed public or commercial buildings with at least one public restroom to have a certain number of safe, sanitary, and convenient baby diaper changing tables. 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).

*Senate Amendment “A” eliminates the requirement that these State Building Code revisions apply to substantially renovated public or commercial buildings with at least one public restroom.

*Senate Amendment “B” requires these State Building Code revisions be done by January 1, 2020, and changes the effective date of the bill from July 1, 2019, to upon passage.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee
Joint Favorable Substitute
Yea  20  Nay  4  (03/19/2019)