
OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 121*****AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO DIAPER CHANGING STATIONS IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires the state building inspector and the Codes and Standards Committee to revise the State Building Code, by January 1, 2022, to require newly constructed or substantially renovated public buildings with at least one public restroom to have safe, sanitary, and convenient baby diaper changing tables. Specifically, 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 accessible to both women and men. Under the bill, the code revision must be done with the administrative services commissioner's approval and consistent with statutory procedures for amending the code.

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 U.S.C. § 3314).

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 25 Nay 0 (03/18/2021)