



Senate

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 121

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The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through SEN. BRADLEY of the 23rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

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

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1, 2022,
2 the State Building Inspector and the Codes and Standards Committee
3 shall jointly, with the approval of the Commissioner of Administrative
4 Services and in accordance with the provisions of section 29-252b of the
5 general statutes, revise the State Building Code to require that after such
6 revision, each new construction or substantial renovation of a public
7 building that includes at least one restroom that is open to the public
8 provide on each floor level that is open to the public (1) at least one safe,
9 sanitary and convenient baby diaper changing table that is accessible to
10 women and at least one safe, sanitary and convenient baby diaper
11 changing table that is accessible to men, or (2) at least one safe, sanitary
12 and convenient baby diaper changing table that is accessible to both
13 women and men.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1, "each new construed or substantially renovated" was changed to "after such revision, each new construction or substantial renovation of a" for clarity.

PS *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 22 \$	FY 23 \$
Various State Agencies	Various - Potential Cost	Minimal	Minimal

Note: Various=Various

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 22 \$	FY 23 \$
Various Municipalities	Potential Cost	Minimal	Minimal

Explanation

This bill requires the state building inspector and the Codes and Standards Committee to revise the State Building Code, by January 1, 2022. This revision will require newly constructed or substantially renovated public buildings to provide on each floor level that is open to the public two changing tables with one accessible to women and one accessible to men or at least one accessible to both women and men.

The cost of the baby diaper changing tables would be incorporated into the bid for the construction for state and municipal buildings that fall under the purview of the bill, which is estimated to be minimal.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis

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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)