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House Bill No. 6573

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The Committee on Children reported through REP. LINEHAN of the 103rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO DIAPER CHANGING TABLES 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,
2 2024, the State Building Inspector and the Codes and Standards
3 Committee shall jointly, with the approval of the Commissioner of
4 Administrative Services and in accordance with the provisions of
5 section 29-252b of the general statutes, revise the State Building Code to
6 require that after such revision, each new construction or substantial
7 renovation of a public building, as defined in section 1-1 of the general
8 statutes, that includes at least one restroom that is open to the public
9 provide on each floor level that is open to the public (1) at least one baby
10 diaper changing table that is accessible to men and at least one baby
11 diaper changing table that is accessible to women, or (2) at least one
12 baby diaper changing table that is accessible to both men and women.
13 Each baby diaper changing table included pursuant to this section shall
14 be safe, sanitary and convenient.

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

KID *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$
Various State Agencies	Various - Potential Cost	Minimal	Minimal

Note: Various=Various

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$
Various Municipalities	Potential Cost	Minimal	Minimal

Explanation

The bill is estimated to result in a minimal cost to state and municipal construction and renovation projects from requiring baby changing stations be included in public buildings. The cost per baby changing station is estimated to be between \$300 to \$1,500 with potential additional costs associated with adjusting the existing construction to incorporate a changing station. There are already other provisions within state and federal law requiring baby changing stations to be built in single-user bathroom and within federal buildings.

The Out Years

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

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 6573*****AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO DIAPER CHANGING TABLES
IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires the state building inspector and the Codes and Standards Committee to revise the State Building Code to require certain newly constructed or substantially renovated public buildings (e.g., state, municipal, religious, and educational buildings) to have at least one safe, sanitary, and convenient baby diaper changing table. More specifically, if the building has at least one public restroom, then on each floor that is open to the public it must have at least (1) one changing table that is accessible to both women and men or (2) two changing tables, with one accessible to women and one accessible to men.

The bill requires the inspector and the committee to complete this revision by January 1, 2024, with the Department of Administrative Services commissioner's approval.

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

PUBLIC BUILDING

Under the bill, "public buildings" include (1) any statehouse, courthouse, townhouse, arsenal, magazine, prison, community correctional center, almshouse, market, or other building that belongs to the state or any of its towns, cities, or boroughs; (2) any church, chapel,

meetinghouse, or other building generally used for religious worship;
or (3) any college, academy, schoolhouse, or other building generally
used for literary instruction.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Committee on Children

Joint Favorable

Yea 13 Nay 6 (02/24/2023)