Senate

General Assembly

File No. 737

January Session, 2025

Senate Bill No. 1435

Senate, April 23, 2025

The Committee on Judiciary reported through SEN. WINFIELD of the 10th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING MOTHERS WHO ARE INCARCERATED BREASTFEEDING THEIR INFANT.

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

Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than October 1, 2025, the Commissioner of Correction shall develop a written policy permitting any mother in the commissioner's custody who is lactating to breastfeed her infant during any visit with such infant. Such policy shall require, at a minimum, that (1) there be a safe and hygienic environment for such mother to breastfeed such infant, (2) each woman in the custody of the commissioner be informed of such policy, and (3) such policy be posted in visitation and common areas within each facility operated by the Department of Correction in which a woman is or may be detained.

(b) Not later than January 1, 2026, the Commissioner of Correction shall (1) fully implement the policy developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, and (2) in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, report such policy to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters

relating to the Department of Correction.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	*from passage*	New section

JUD *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which requires the Department of Correction to develop a written policy permitting any mother in their custody who is lactating to breastfeed her infant during any visit with such infant, does not result in a fiscal impact because the department has the expertise to develop such policy and it is expected that they can meet the bill's requirements with existing resources.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable
Yea 41 Nay 0 (04/08/2025)