General Assembly

Raised Bill No. 1435

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LCO No. **5606**

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

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

Statement of Purpose:

To allow lactating mothers who are incarcerated to breastfeed their infants during visitation.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]