

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

TITLE 2. HEALTH

SUBTITLE H. PUBLIC HEALTH PROVISIONS

CHAPTER 165. BREAST-FEEDING

SUBCHAPTER A. BREAST-FEEDING RIGHTS AND POLICIES

Sec. 165.001. LEGISLATIVE FINDING. The legislature finds that breast-feeding a baby is an important and basic act of nurture that must be encouraged in the interests of maternal and child health and family values. In compliance with the breast-feeding promotion program established under the federal Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. Section 1771 et seq.), the legislature recognizes breast-feeding as the best method of infant nutrition.

Added by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 600, Sec. 1, eff. Aug. 28, 1995.

Sec. 165.002. RIGHT TO BREAST-FEED. A mother is entitled to breast-feed her baby in any location in which the mother is authorized to be.

Added by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 600, Sec. 1, eff. Aug. 28, 1995.

Sec. 165.003. BUSINESS DESIGNATION AS "MOTHER-FRIENDLY". (a) A business may use the designation "mother-friendly" in its promotional materials if the business develops a policy supporting the practice of worksite breast-feeding that addresses the following:

(1) work schedule flexibility, including scheduling breaks and work patterns to provide time for expression of milk;

(2) the provision of accessible locations allowing privacy;

(3) access nearby to a clean, safe water source and a sink for washing hands and rinsing out any needed breast-pumping equipment; and

(4) access to hygienic storage alternatives in the workplace for the mother's breast milk.

(b) The business shall submit its breast-feeding policy to the department. The department shall maintain a list of "mother-friendly" businesses covered under this section and shall make the list available for public inspection.

Added by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 600, Sec. 1, eff. Aug. 28, 1995.

Sec. 165.004. SERVICES PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCIES. Any state agency that administers a program providing maternal or child health services shall provide information that encourages breast-feeding to program participants who are pregnant women or mothers with infants.

Added by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 600, Sec. 1, eff. Aug. 28, 1995.

SUBCHAPTER B. DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

Sec. 165.031. LEGISLATIVE RECOGNITION. The legislature recognizes a mother's responsibility to both her job and her child when she returns to work and acknowledges that a woman's choice to breast-feed benefits the family, the employer, and society.

Added by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 600, Sec. 1, eff. Aug. 28, 1995.

Sec. 165.032. DEMONSTRATION PROJECT. (a) The department shall establish a demonstration project in Travis County to provide access to worksite breast-feeding for department employees who are mothers with infants.

(b) The department shall administer the demonstration project and shall determine the benefits of, potential barriers to, and potential costs of implementing worksite breast-feeding support policies for state employees.

Added by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 600, Sec. 1, eff. Aug. 28, 1995.

Sec. 165.033. BREAST-FEEDING POLICY. The department shall develop recommendations supporting the practice of worksite breast-feeding that address the following:

(1) work schedule flexibility, including scheduling breaks and work patterns to provide time for expression of milk;

(2) the provision of accessible locations allowing privacy;

(3) access nearby to a clean, safe water source and a sink for washing hands and rinsing out any needed breast-pumping equipment; and

(4) access to hygienic storage alternatives in the workplace for the mother's breast milk.

Added by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 600, Sec. 1, eff. Aug. 28, 1995.

Sec. 165.034. REPORT TO GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE. The department, if requested by the governor or any member of the legislature, shall submit a report on the demonstration project to the governor or that member of the legislature not later than February 1, 1997. The report must include:

(1) a description of the policies developed;

(2) a description of the implementation of the policies in Travis County and any problems encountered;

(3) the extent of use of any breast-feeding or breast-pumping facilities by department employees;

(4) a survey to assess the level of satisfaction with the breast-feeding or breast-pumping facilities and the policies by users and their supervisors;

(5) the costs and benefits associated with the demonstration project;

(6) a summary of issues raised by employees; and

(7) a recommendation of any changes necessary for statewide implementation and strategies for implementing the policies in other state agencies.

Added by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 600, Sec. 1, eff. Aug. 28, 1995.