

HOUSE BILL No. 1126

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 5-16-16.

Synopsis: Funding of lactation rooms in public buildings. Establishes a grant program to promote the installation of lactation rooms in public buildings. Requires the Indiana housing and community development authority (IHCDA) to administer the grant program. Authorizes public agencies to apply for grants. Appropriates \$5,000,000 to the IHCDA for deposit in the grant fund.

Effective: July 1, 2024.

Summers

January 8, 2024, read first time and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.



Second Regular Session of the 123rd General Assembly (2024)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state and local administration and to make an appropriation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 5-16-16 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
2 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2024]:

4 **Chapter 16. Grant Program for the Installation of Lactation**
5 **Rooms in Public Buildings**

6 **Sec. 1. This chapter applies to a public agency.**

7 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "authority" refers to the Indiana**
8 **housing and community development authority created by**
9 **IC 5-20-1-3.**

10 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to the lactation**
11 **room grant fund established by section 10 of this chapter.**

12 **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "grant program" refers to the**
13 **grant program for the installation of lactation rooms established**
14 **by section 7 of this chapter.**

15 **Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "lactation room" means a room**
16 **designated and equipped for the purpose of allowing mothers to**
17 **nurse or express milk in a clean and private setting within a public**



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Sec. 6. As used in this chapter, "public agency" has the meaning set forth in IC 5-30-1-11.

Sec. 7. The grant program for the installation of lactation rooms is established to provide grants to public agencies to offset costs incurred in the installation of lactation rooms when constructing or renovating public buildings.

Sec. 8. (a) The authority shall administer the grant program. The authority shall do the following:

- (1) Adopt guidelines to determine standards for awarding grants under this chapter, including standards for determining whether a lactation room complies with section 9 of this chapter and any other applicable governmental or other nationally recognized standards that apply to the provision of lactation rooms in public buildings.
- (2) Prepare and supervise the issuance of public information concerning the grant program.
- (3) Prescribe the form for and regulate the submission of applications for grants under this chapter.

(b) A public agency may apply in the manner prescribed by the authority for a grant under this chapter to offset costs incurred in the installation of a lactation room in a public building managed by the public agency.

Sec. 9. A lactation room installed by a public agency that receives a grant under this chapter must meet the following standards:

- (1) The space must be shielded from view and free from intrusion of others.
- (2) The room must be functional, with a private space with a place to sit and a flat surface, other than the floor, to place a breast pump and other supplies.
- (3) The room must provide the following:
 - (A) Access to electricity for the use of a breast pump.
 - (B) Good lighting.
 - (C) A comfortable temperature.
 - (D) Proper ventilation.

Sec. 10. (a) The lactation room grant fund is established to provide grants under this chapter. The authority shall administer the fund.

(b) The fund consists of:

- (1) money appropriated to the fund by the general assembly;
- (2) money received from state or federal grants or programs



1 **for the purposes of this chapter; and**
2 **(3) donations, gifts, and money received from any other**
3 **source, including transfers from other funds or accounts.**
4 **(c) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not**
5 **currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same**
6 **manner as other public funds may be invested.**
7 **(d) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not**
8 **revert to the state general fund but remains in the fund to be used**
9 **exclusively for purposes of this chapter.**
10 **(e) Money in the fund is continuously appropriated for the**
11 **purposes of this chapter.**
12 **SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024] (a) There is**
13 **appropriated from the state general fund five million dollars**
14 **(\$5,000,000) to the Indiana housing and community development**
15 **authority for deposit in the lactation room grant fund established**
16 **by IC 5-16-16-10, as added by this act, for the period beginning**
17 **July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.**
18 **(b) This SECTION expires January 1, 2026.**

