

HOUSE BILL No. 1737

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 4-1-2-1; IC 5-10-6-2; IC 20-33-3-30; IC 22-2-13; IC 34-30-2.

Synopsis: Breastfeeding in the workplace. Provides that the state, political subdivisions, and other employers that employ one or more individuals shall provide for reasonable paid breaks for an employee to express breast milk for the employee's infant child. Provides that the state, political subdivisions, and other employers must make reasonable efforts to provide a room or other location in close proximity to the work area where the employee can express the employee's breast milk in privacy.

Effective: July 1, 2007.

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January 26, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Labor and Employment.

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First Regular Session 115th General Assembly (2007)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning labor and safety.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 4-1-2-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 1. It is the intent of this chapter that
3 state offices be open and able to conduct public business at all times
4 during an eight and one-half (8 1/2) hour working day. Each employee
5 shall work for a full seven and one-half (7 1/2) hours each working day
6 and provision for a one (1) hour lunch period shall be provided each
7 employee. Lunch hours of employees shall be staggered to permit the
8 conduct of business at all times during a working day. **Breaks shall be**
9 **provided as set forth in IC 5-10-6-2.** It shall be lawful for state offices
10 to close their doors for business from the close of the working day each
11 Friday or in the event Friday is a legal holiday, then from the close of
12 the working day on the Thursday which immediately precedes such
13 legal holiday, until the commencement of the working day on the next
14 following Monday, or in the event Monday is a legal holiday, then until
15 the commencement of the working day on the Tuesday which
16 immediately follows such legal holiday; provided, however, that the
17 state library may be kept open until noon Saturdays in the discretion of

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the Indiana library and historical board.

SECTION 2. IC 5-10-6-2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: **Sec. 2. (a) The state and political subdivisions of the state shall provide reasonable paid break time each day to an employee who needs to express breast milk for the employee's infant child. The break time shall, if possible, run concurrently with any break time already provided to the employee. The state and political subdivisions are not required to provide break time under this section if providing break time would unduly disrupt the operations of the state or political subdivisions.**

(b) The state and political subdivisions of the state shall make reasonable efforts to provide a room or other location, other than a toilet stall, in close proximity to the work area, where an employee described in subsection (a) can express the employee's breast milk in privacy. The state or a political subdivision is not liable if the state or political subdivision makes a reasonable effort to comply with this subsection.

SECTION 3. IC 20-33-3-30, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005, SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: **Sec. 30. (a) This section applies to occupations for which a child less than eighteen (18) years of age may be employed or allowed to work under this chapter but does not apply to children subject to:**

(1) section 6 of this chapter; or

(2) section 29(2) or 29(3) of this chapter.

(b) A person, firm, limited liability company, or corporation that employs a child less than eighteen (18) years of age shall provide the child one (1) or two (2) rest breaks totaling at least thirty (30) minutes if the child is scheduled to work at least six (6) consecutive hours.

Breaks shall be provided as set forth in IC 5-10-6-2.

SECTION 4. IC 22-2-13 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]:

Chapter 13. Employee Breaks

Sec. 1. For purposes of this chapter, "employer" means a person or entity that employs one (1) or more employees.

Sec. 2. An employer shall provide reasonable paid break time each day to an employee who needs to express breast milk for the employee's infant child. The break time shall, if possible, run concurrently with any break time already provided to the employee. An employer is not required to provide break time

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1 under this section if providing break time would unduly disrupt the
2 operations of the employer.

3 **Sec. 3. An employer shall make reasonable efforts to provide a**
4 **room or other location, other than a toilet stall, in close proximity**
5 **to the work area, where an employee described in section 2 of this**
6 **chapter can express the employee's breast milk in privacy. The**
7 **employer is not liable if the employer makes a reasonable effort to**
8 **comply with this section.**

9 SECTION 5. IC 34-30-2-11.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
10 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
11 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: **Sec. 11.5. IC 5-10-6-2 (Concerning**
12 **employee breaks for nursing mothers).**

13 SECTION 6. IC 34-30-2-87.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
14 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION

15 TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: **Sec. 87.5.**
16 **IC 22-2-13-3 (Concerning employee breaks for nursing mothers).**

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