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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to public buildings; to provide requirements for the installation and maintenance of powered, height-adjustable, adult-size changing tables in public bathrooms under certain circumstances; to provide grant award payments to public entities with preexisting public facilities; and to encourage the installation of adult-size changing tables in private sector facilities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. For the purposes of this act, the following terms have the following meanings:

(1) PUBLIC BUILDING. A building or appurtenance to a building designed for public access and maintained for the public benefit through the use of state or local government funds.

(2) PUBLIC ENTITY. Has the same meaning as defined in 42 U.S.C. § 12131.

(3) RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY. An organization, office, or individual responsible for enforcing code requirements or approving equipment, materials, installations, or procedures.

Section 2. (a) Beginning January 1, 2028, a public



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29 entity that constructs a new public restroom accessible to
30 both men and women in a public building, or that totally
31 renovates an existing public restroom that is accessible to
32 both men and women in a public building, shall do all of the
33 following:

34 (1) Ensure that one or more of the public restrooms has
35 a powered, height-adjustable, adult-size changing table that
36 is capable of serving both a baby and an adult.

37 (2) Provide signage indicating the location of the
38 public restroom with the changing table.

39 (3) Revise any existing central directory or map
40 identifying the location of offices, restrooms, and other
41 facilities to indicate the location of the public restroom
42 with the changing table.

43 (4) Maintain, repair, and replace each changing table
44 as necessary to ensure safety and ease of use.

45 (5) Clean each changing table with the same frequency
46 as the public restrooms located within the facility.

47 (6) Provide sufficient clear floor space in the
48 installation of adult-size changing tables to comply with the
49 requirements of the 2010 Americans with Disabilities Act
50 standards for accessible design prescribed in 28 C.F.R. §
51 35.151 and 36 C.F.R. Part 1191, appendices B and D.

52 (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c),
53 this section only applies to new construction and to a total
54 renovation of a restroom for which a permit has been obtained,
55 for which the cost of renovation is at least five hundred
56 thousand dollars (\$500,000), and that totally removes all



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57 nonstructural interior walls, floor and ceiling finishes,
58 mechanical systems, electrical systems, and plumbing fixtures
59 and supply and waste lines. If a public building operated by a
60 public entity is in compliance with the requirements of this
61 section at the time of new construction or renovation,
62 additional changing tables are not required.

63 (c) The responsible authority may grant an exemption
64 from the requirements of this section if the responsible
65 authority determines that any of the following apply:

66 (1) The installation would not be feasible.

67 (2) The installation would result in a failure to
68 comply with the 2010 Americans with Disabilities Act standards
69 for access for persons with disabilities.

70 (3) The installation would threaten or destroy the
71 historic significance of a historic property.

72 (4) The public building is not frequented by the
73 public.

74 (d) This section does not establish a private right of
75 action.

76 (e) Beginning October 1, 2030, and every three years
77 thereafter, the amount provided in subsection (b) shall be
78 subject to a cost adjustment. The Chief Examiner of the
79 Department of Examiners of Public Accounts shall adjust the
80 amount provided in subsection (b) based on the percentage
81 increase in the Consumer Price Index for the immediately
82 preceding three-year period, rounded to the nearest thousand
83 dollars. The Department of Examiners of Public Accounts shall
84 notify the public of the adjusted dollar amounts by July 1



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85 before the fiscal year in which the change will take effect.

86 (e) Public K-12 schools and public institutions of
87 higher education are exempt from the requirements of this
88 section, unless the public K-12 school or public institution
89 of higher education has any area determined by the responsible
90 authority to be frequented by the public, including, but not
91 limited to, auditoriums, gymnasiums, stadiums, and sports
92 halls.

93 Section 3. (a) Subject to appropriation by the
94 Legislature, funds shall be appropriated to eligible public
95 entities for the installation of powered, height-adjustable,
96 adult-size changing tables in preexisting public restrooms.

97 (b) In awarding grants, the Legislature shall
98 prioritize geographical diversity and higher traffic
99 facilities. Applicants for grants must be public entities
100 located in this state. The award must be used for facilities
101 that are open to the public and accessible to both men and
102 women.

103 Section 4. The Legislature encourages the private
104 sector, when totally renovating building facilities and when
105 constructing new restrooms, to install and maintain powered,
106 height-adjustable, adult-size changing tables in restrooms
107 open to the public and accessible to both men and women.

108 Section 5. This act shall become effective on October
109 1, 2025.



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