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SYNOPSIS:

This bill would require public entities to install and maintain powered, height-adjustable, adult-size changing tables accessible to both males and females in newly constructed or renovated public buildings.

This bill would provide for grant award payments to public entities with preexisting public restrooms, subject to appropriation.

This bill would also encourage the installation and maintenance of adult-size changing tables in private sector facilities across the state.

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.



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29 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

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

36 (2) PUBLIC ENTITY. Has the same meaning as defined in  
37 42 U.S.C. § 12131.

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

41 Section 2. (a) Beginning January 1, 2028, a public  
42 entity that constructs a new public restroom accessible to  
43 both men and women in a public building, or that totally  
44 renovates an existing public restroom that is accessible to  
45 both men and women in a public building, shall do all of the  
46 following:

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

50 (2) Provide signage indicating the location of the  
51 public restroom with the changing table.

52 (3) Revise any existing central directory or map  
53 identifying the location of offices, restrooms, and other  
54 facilities to indicate the location of the public restroom  
55 with the changing table.

56 (4) Maintain, repair, and replace each changing table



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57 as necessary to ensure safety and ease of use.

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

60 (6) Provide sufficient clear floor space in the  
61 installation of adult-size changing tables to comply with the  
62 requirements of the 2010 Americans with Disabilities Act  
63 standards for accessible design prescribed in 28 C.F.R. §  
64 35.151 and 36 C.F.R. Part 1191, appendices B and D.

65 (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c),  
66 this section only applies to new construction and to a total  
67 renovation of a restroom for which a permit has been obtained,  
68 for which the cost of renovation is at least five hundred  
69 thousand dollars (\$500,000), and that totally removes all  
70 nonstructural interior walls, floor and ceiling finishes,  
71 mechanical systems, electrical systems, and plumbing fixtures  
72 and supply and waste lines. If a public building operated by a  
73 public entity is in compliance with the requirements of this  
74 section at the time of new construction or renovation,  
75 additional changing tables are not required.

76 (c) The responsible authority may grant an exemption  
77 from the requirements of this section if the responsible  
78 authority determines that any of the following apply:

79 (1) The installation would not be feasible.

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

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



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85           (4) The public building is not frequented by the  
86 public.

87           (d) This section does not establish a private right of  
88 action.

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

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

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

104           Section 5. This act shall become effective on October  
105 1, 2025.