

## Texas Health and Safety Code Title2, 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.

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- 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.
- 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;
    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.

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.