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Short Title: Encourage Breast Feeding.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO INCLUDE ENCOURAGEMENT OF BREAST FEEDING IN SERVICES  
3 PROVIDED BY THE STATE MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH PROGRAM.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. G.S. 130A-124 reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 130A-124. Department to establish maternal and child health program.**

7 (a) The Department shall establish and administer a maternal and child health  
8 program for the delivery of preventive, diagnostic, therapeutic and habilitative health  
9 services to women of childbearing years, children and other persons who require these  
10 services. The program ~~may~~ shall include, but shall not be limited to, providing  
11 professional education and consultation, community coordination and direct care and  
12 ~~counseling~~ counseling, and services that support and encourage breast feeding.

13 (a1) The Department shall develop and establish written policies supporting breast-  
14 feeding practices for the public sector workplace which address the following:

15 (1) Work schedule flexibility, including scheduling of breaks and work  
16 patterns to allow time for milk expression; and

17 (2) Provision of accessible locations that permit privacy and allow access to  
18 a nearby clean, safe water source and sink for washing hands and breast-  
19 pumping equipment.

1 (b) The Commission shall adopt rules necessary to implement ~~the program.~~ this  
2 section.

3 (c) Prior year refunds received by the Children's Special Health Services Program  
4 that are not encumbered or spent during a fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund  
5 but shall remain in the Department for purchase of care and contracts in the Program.  
6 Funds appropriated for the purchase of care and contracts in the Program that are  
7 encumbered and not spent during a fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund but  
8 shall remain in the Department for the purchase of care and contracts in the Program."

9 Sec. 2. G.S. 130A-361(a) reads as rewritten:

10 "(a) The Department shall establish and administer a nutrition program to promote  
11 the public health by achieving and maintaining optimal nutritional status in the  
12 population through activities such as nutrition screening and assessment; dietary  
13 counseling and treatment; nutrition education; follow-up; referral; development and  
14 distribution of education materials supporting the initiation and duration of breast  
15 feeding; and the direct provision of food. The program may also include, but shall not be  
16 limited to, establishing policies and standards for nutritional practices; monitoring and  
17 surveillance of nutritional status; promoting interagency cooperation, professional  
18 education and consultation; providing technical assistance; conducting and supporting  
19 field research; providing direct care; and advising State and private institutions and other  
20 State and local agencies and departments in the establishment of food, nutrition and food  
21 service management standards."

22 Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.