

1 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

2 FOR

3 **Senate Bill No. 4**

4 (By Senators Foster, Kessler (Mr. President), Klempa and Wells)

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6 [Originating in the Committee on the Judiciary;

7 reported February 24, 2012.]  
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11 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by  
12 adding thereto a new section, designated §16-1-19, relating to  
13 a child's right to nurse; and authorizing a mother to breast  
14 feed a child in any location where the mother and child have  
15 a right to be.

16 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

17 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended  
18 by adding thereto a new section, designated §16-1-19, to read as  
19 follows:

20 **ARTICLE 1. STATE PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM.**

21 **§16-1-19. Child's right to nurse; location where permitted; right**  
22 **protected.**

23 (a) The Legislature finds that breast feeding is an important,  
24 basic act of nurturing that is protected in the interests of  
25 maternal and child health.

1 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of this code to the  
2 contrary, a mother may breast feed a child in any location, public  
3 or private, where the mother and child are otherwise authorized to  
4 be.

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(NOTE: This section is new; therefore, strike-throughs and underscoring have been omitted.)