

1 ENROLLED

2 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

3 for

4 **H. B. 4335**

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6 (By Delegates L. Phillips, Campbell, Guthrie, Poore, Staggers,  
7 Moore, Perdue, M. Poling, Eldridge, Fleischauer and Marshall)

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9 [Passed March 8, in effect ninety days from passage.]

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11 AN ACT to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by  
12 adding thereto a new section, designated §16-1-19, relating  
13 to a child's right to nurse; and establishing as the public  
14 policy of this state that nursing in a public place is  
15 socially acceptable.

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;**  
22 **right protected.**

23 (a) The Legislature finds that breast feeding is an  
24 important, basic act of nurturing that is protected in the  
25 interests of 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 open  
3   to the public.