

1 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

2 for

3 **H. B. 4335**

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

7 (Originating in the Committee on the Judiciary.)

8 [February 20, 2014]

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

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

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

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

20 **§16-1-19. Child's right to nurse; location where permitted;**  
21 **right protected.**

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

25 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of this code to the

1 contrary, a mother may breast feed a child in any location, open  
2 to the public.