

# SB602/HB905: Universal Changing Tables

SB602/HB905 promotes community inclusion by offering a safe, private, and hygienic toileting option to all Tennesseans.

Sponsors: Sen. Watson (R-Hixson) and Rep. Doggett (R-Pulaski).

## The Problem

*Everyone deserves a safe, dignified, and hygienic toileting experience.*

- Currently, Tennesseans who need access to adult-sized changing tables have to choose between changing in an unhygienic setting (like on a restroom floor) or staying home, isolated from our communities.
- Approximately 200,000 Tennesseans, 4% of the population, needs assistance with one or more activities of daily living such as toileting.
- This issue crosses every demographic in Tennessee, including our veterans.
- It also affects their family members, friends, and caregivers who want to spend time together in community.

## The Solution

*Universal changing tables help everyone.*

**SB602/HB905 will ensure new or renovated public buildings have a height-adjustable, adult-sized changing table.**

Public buildings are:

- Buildings owned or leased by the state of Tennessee and
- Buildings used primarily by the general public as a place of gathering or amusement: theaters, restaurants, hotels, factories, office buildings, stadiums, hospitals, voting areas, shopping areas, convention centers and all other public accommodations.

*The disability community is the one minority group that any of us could join at any time. Many of us will age into this group.*

***Universal design benefits all Tennesseans.***