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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to amend or repeal
2 various provisions of chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as
3 related to early childhood education, that:

4 (1) Fall under the purview of the executive office on
5 early learning; or

6 (2) Are covered by another section of the Hawaii Revised
7 Statutes.

8 SECTION 2. Section 302A-101, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9 amended as follows:

10 1. By adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted
11 and to read:

12 "Early childhood education" means a developmentally
13 appropriate early childhood development and education program
14 for children from birth until the time they enter kindergarten."

15 2. By repealing the definition of "early education".

16 ["Early education" means a developmentally appropriate
17 early childhood development and education program for children
18 from birth to eight years of age.]

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1 SECTION 3. Section 302A-1401, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "**[+] 302A-1401[+]** **Administration and use of federal funds,**
4 **including pre-grade education.** (a) The board, designated as
5 the administrators of such funds as may be allotted to the State
6 under federal legislation for public educational purposes,
7 subject to such limitations as may be imposed by congressional
8 action, shall use and expend the funds:

9 (1) To improve the program of the public schools of the
10 State, including any grades up to the fourteenth grade
11 or such lower grade as shall be prescribed as a
12 maximum for such purposes by the Act of Congress
13 concerned, by expanding the educational offerings,
14 particularly in the rural districts;

15 (2) For the payment of salaries to teachers;

16 (3) To employ additional teachers to relieve overcrowded
17 classes;

18 (4) To adjust the salaries of teachers to meet the
19 increased cost of living, within such limits as may be
20 fixed by, and pursuant to, state law;

1 (5) To provide for the purchase of supplies, apparatus,
2 and materials for the public schools; and
3 (6) For any of such purposes and to such extent as shall
4 be permitted by the Acts of Congress concerned.

17 SECTION 4. Chapter 302L, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
18 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
19 and to read as follows:

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1 "§302L- **Federal funds.** The office may use and expend
2 federal funds for the purpose of early childhood education as
3 defined in section 302L-1."

4 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Early Childhood Education; Housekeeping

Description:

Amends or repeals various provisions of Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as related to early childhood education, for housekeeping and other purposes.

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