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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;

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(5) To provide for the purchase of supplies, apparatus,
and materials for the public schools; and

(6) For any of such purposes and to such extent as shall
be permitted by the Acts of Congress concerned.

~~[(b) The board shall organize and conduct a program of
public early education to the extent that funds provided
therefor by the United States government are, or from time to
time may become, available. In establishing and carrying on the
early education, any such federal funds shall be expended during
any school year as nearly as practicable in each of the school
supervisory districts of the State in the proportion that the
number of inhabitants of each district of less than six years of
age bears to the total number of the inhabitants of the entire
State within the age limits, as shown by the latest report of
the department of health preceding the opening of the school
year.] "~~

SECTION 4. Chapter 302L, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
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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