
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:
4 "§302A-A Penalty; younger students. If a child attending
5 kindergarten or the first grade accumulates more than
6 unexcused absences in a school year, a schoolteacher, principal,
7 or police officer shall file a petition, citation, or complaint
8 directly with the family court and will be summoned to appear
9 before the judge. Upon its being proved that the person
10 responsible for the child had not used proper diligence to
11 enforce the child's regular attendance at school, the family
12 court judge may sentence the person responsible for the child
13 according to family court sentencing guidelines. This section
14 shall not apply to any child not liable to compulsory attendance
15 at school."

16 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Truancy

Description:

Enacts new truancy law for younger children to expedite process.

