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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- Interagency quality assurance committees. (a)

5 There is established within the department the school level peer
6 review committee. The purpose of the school level peer review
7 committee shall be to:

8 (1) Review the needs of individual children to determine
9 whether services are meeting the child's needs;

10 (2) Determine what other resources are needed beyond the
11 school;

12 (3) Resolve individual issues through problem solving at
13 the school level; and

14 (4) Identify issues with the system and local data to the
15 complex quality assurance committee for review and
16 assistance.



1 The school level peer review committee shall be composed of
2 school level personnel from the department and care coordinators
3 from family guidance centers.

4 The school level peer review committee shall meet at least
5 once each month to discuss issues as described in this
6 subsection. The school level peer review committee shall also
7 prepare quarterly reports, including findings, recommendations,
8 and proposed and instituted actions, for review by the complex
9 quality assurance committee.

10 (b) There is established within the department the complex
11 quality assurance committee. The purpose of the complex quality
12 assurance committee shall be to:

13 (1) Review and refine data from the school level peer
14 review;

15 (2) Determine if problems can be resolved through district
16 assistance or action;

17 (3) Implement corrective action and provide appropriate
18 support to the schools;

19 (4) Refer refined data and system issues or problems
20 requiring further assistance to the district quality
21 assurance committee for consideration and action;



- 1 (5) Identify any policies that require refinement or
- 2 amendment;
- 3 (6) Make recommendations to the district quality assurance
- 4 committee for action;
- 5 (7) Distribute minutes to members and community members;
- 6 and
- 7 (8) Hold forums to share data gathered, issues identified,
- 8 and proposed actions for resolution and to receive
- 9 community input.

10 The complex quality assurance committee shall be composed
11 of principals from local schools; supervisors of care
12 coordinators in family guidance centers; parent partners and
13 community children's council representatives; other interested
14 parties with information regarding system issues associated with
15 the complexes and the schools contained therein; and family
16 guidance center quality assurance specialists.

17 The complex quality assurance committee shall meet at least
18 once each month to discuss issues as described in this
19 subsection. The complex quality assurance committee shall also
20 prepare quarterly reports, including findings, recommendations,
21 and proposed and instituted actions, for review by the district
22 quality assurance committee.



1 (c) There is established within the department a district
2 quality assurance committee. The purpose of the district
3 quality assurance committee shall be to:

- 4 (1) Review and refine data from the complex quality
5 assurance committee;
- 6 (2) Determine any problems or issues that may be resolved
7 at the complex level and execute a corrective plan of
8 action;
- 9 (3) Determine data to be submitted to the state quality
10 assurance committee;
- 11 (4) Identify system issues or problems requiring state
12 action;
- 13 (5) Make recommendations to the state quality assurance
14 committee; and
- 15 (6) Provide minutes, information to the community, and
16 gather input from community members regarding system
17 issues and proposed action.

18 The district quality assurance committee shall be composed
19 of complex area superintendents; district educational
20 specialists; school psychologists; specialists from the
21 community children's councils; the chief of the family guidance
22 center; parents partners from Hawaii Families as Allies; the



1 executive director of the Learning Disabilities Association of
2 Hawaii; the executive director of the Mental Health Association
3 of Hawaii; and other interested stakeholders with system issues
4 to be addressed.

5 The district quality assurance committee shall meet at
6 least once each month to discuss issues as described in this
7 subsection. The district quality assurance committee shall also
8 prepare quarterly reports, including findings, recommendations,
9 and proposed and instituted actions, for review by the state
10 quality assurance committee.

11 (d) There is established within the department the state
12 quality assurance committee. The purpose of the state quality
13 assurance committee shall be to:

- 14 (1) Review data submitted by all member agencies;
15 (2) Identify system issues to be addressed;
16 (3) Review and refine policies from all state member
17 agencies to ensure policies are not in conflict with
18 service delivery;
19 (4) Recommend or propose changes in respective policies;
20 and
21 (5) Disseminate minutes, recommendations, and proposed
22 actions to the local communities.



1 The state quality assurance committee shall be composed of
2 a representative from the office of monitoring and
3 accountability; the director of the school based behavioral
4 health program; the director of student services and special
5 education; a representative from early intervention services; a
6 supervisor from the community children's council office; the
7 chief of the child and adolescent mental health division; the
8 director of zero to three; the chief of the developmental
9 disabilities division; the chief of the alcohol and drug abuse
10 division; the director of child welfare services; the director
11 of the office of youth services; the directors of court programs
12 that affect children and families; the directors of the family
13 courts; the executive director of Learning Disabilities
14 Alliance; the executive director of the Mental Health
15 Association; and the executive director of Hawaii Families as
16 Allies.

17 The state quality assurance committee shall meet at least
18 once each month to discuss issues as described in this
19 subsection. The state quality assurance committee shall also
20 prepare annual reports, including findings, recommendations, and
21 proposed and instituted actions, for review by the board.



1 (e) The members of each committee established under this
2 section shall not receive compensation for their services but
3 shall be reimbursed for expenses, including travel expenses,
4 incurred in the performance of their duties under this Act.

5 (f) Members of each committee under this section shall be
6 appointed by the superintendent. The department shall establish
7 rules and procedures for the qualifications of members,
8 composition, length of terms, filling of vacancies, selection of
9 chairpersons, and any other administrative requirements for the
10 committees. All meetings of the committees established under
11 this section shall be exempt from chapter 92."

12 SECTION 2. The department of education shall report to the
13 legislature at least twenty days prior to the convening of the
14 regular session of 2008 on the establishment of rules and
15 procedures for the quality assurance committees created under
16 this Act and the status of appointments and operations of each
17 committee.

18 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so
20 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and
21 the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
22 year 2008-2009, for a 0.5 FTE program specialist V position



1 (SR24), to coordinate the activities of the district and state
2 committees on quality assurances.

3 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
4 of education for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so
7 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and
8 the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
9 year 2008-2009, for a 0.5 FTE program specialist V position
10 (SR24), to coordinate the activities of the district and state
11 committees on quality assurances.

12 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
13 of health for the purposes of this Act.

14 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
15 provided that sections 3 and 4 shall take effect on
16 July 1, 2007.

17 INTRODUCED BY: Therese Chun Oalsland

Report Title:

DOE; Quality Assurance Committees

Description:

Establishes quality assurance committees at various levels of the department of education to address policies impacting the delivery of services by state child serving agencies and provide opportunities for community input and feedback. Includes representatives from other state agencies and private organizations. Appropriates funds for staffing.

