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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature is committed to providing
2 excellence in education in Hawaii. Under Act 51, Session Laws
3 of Hawaii 2004, Reinventing Education Act, the legislature found
4 that "[a]lthough the State's students, parents, teachers, school
5 administrators, departmental staff, and other educational
6 stakeholders strive to achieve excellence, their efforts will
7 never be completely successful until various aspects of the
8 system around them are improved."

9 The legislature reiterates its support for efforts by the
10 department of education to improve Hawaii's schools to not only
11 enhance the academic achievement, safety and well being, and
12 civic commitment of students, but to also meet the evolving
13 needs of today's communities. That need includes after-school
14 programs that help facilitate academic achievement, fulfill
15 recreational needs, and promote civic responsibilities, as
16 demonstrated by existing programs on and off campus by the



1 office of youth services, YMCA, Boys and Girls Club, and other
2 agencies.

3 The State's after-school programs provide safe and
4 supervised after-school education, enrichment, and recreation
5 for students. Research demonstrates that youth who participate
6 in after-school programs are less likely to drink alcohol,
7 smoke, use drugs, or drop out of school.

8 Although the State provides the A Plus program for lower
9 grades (and high schools have formal athletic programs), there
10 are no formal after-school activities for students in grades six
11 to twelve. One way to remedy this oversight is to provide for
12 an after-school activities program coordinator. The coordinator
13 position would be responsible for the coordination of all
14 after-school activities and ensure that all students have access
15 to quality programs.

16 The purpose of this Act is to improve after-school programs
17 by establishing a task force to review the State's current
18 after-school activities programs and recommend improvements and
19 appropriating funds for after-school activities and for a
20 program coordinator.

21 SECTION 2. Section 302A-408, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
22 amended to read as follows:



1 "§302A-408 After-school [and], weekend, and semester break
2 **programs.** (a) The department and the appropriate county
3 agencies may establish and regulate programs of after-school
4 [~~and], weekend, and semester break~~ community-school activities
5 for children, including but not limited to [~~child-care~~
6 ~~programs,~~] academic, technology, visual arts [and crafts, hula,
7 ukulele], performing arts, athletic, cultural, and other
8 recreational [~~projects,~~] programs, wherever feasible, at public
9 school and public park facilities. In addition to any
10 appropriation of public funds, reasonable fees established by
11 the agencies operating the programs may be collected from
12 children enrolled, in the furtherance of particular programs.
13 The appropriate agencies may obtain from time to time the
14 services of department of education personnel, students, and
15 persons in a voluntary or unpaid capacity, exempt from chapter
16 76, as may be necessary for carrying out the purposes of this
17 section, and may regulate their duties, powers, and
18 responsibilities when not otherwise provided by law. Any person
19 whose services have been so accepted, while engaged in the
20 performance of duty under this section, shall be deemed a state
21 employee or an employee of a political subdivision, as the case



1 may be, in determining the liability of the State or the
2 political subdivision for the negligent acts of these persons.

3 (b) There is established within the department of
4 education an after-school activities program coordinator
5 position to coordinate the State's after-school, weekend, and
6 semester break programs; provided that the coordinator shall
7 serve at the pleasure of the superintendent and may be
8 established as a permanent position not subject to chapter 76.

9 (c) The department may:

- 10 (1) Allow the use of school facilities by public and
11 private entities;
12 (2) Provide transportation services for students
13 participating in the after-school activities program;
14 and
15 (3) Authorize schools to charge a fee for the use of their
16 facilities; provided that low income students may be
17 charged a reduced fee."

18 SECTION 3. **After-school activities task force.** (a) There
19 is established an after-school activities task force within the
20 department of education. The after-school activities task force
21 shall consist of the following members appointed by the
22 superintendent of education:



- 1 (1) After-school activities program coordinator;
- 2 (2) Athletic directors;
- 3 (3) Two middle school administrators;
- 4 (4) Two high school administrators;
- 5 (5) A representative from the office of youth services;
- 6 (6) Two representatives of service organizations;
- 7 (7) A union representative;
- 8 (8) A representative from a religious organization;
- 9 (9) A representative from each county;
- 10 (10) Community college representatives; and
- 11 (11) Student representatives.

12 The number of members from paragraphs (2), (8), and (11) shall
13 be determined by the superintendent.

14 (b) In carrying out its duties under this section, the
15 task force may request staff assistance from the department of
16 education, the department of human services, and other
17 appropriate agencies.

18 (c) The members of the task force shall serve without
19 compensation, but shall be reimbursed for expenses, including
20 travel expenses, necessary for the performance of their duties.

21 (d) The task force shall:



- 1 (1) Review the types of after-school programs available in
2 middle schools, including by means of asset mapping to
3 geographically identify where the programs are
4 administered and the population being served;
- 5 (2) Research the preferences of after-school activities of
6 students, parents, and educators;
- 7 (3) Identify programs that attract students who do not
8 normally participate in after-school activities;
- 9 (4) Identify public and private agencies willing to
10 participate in after-school activities;
- 11 (5) Identify vacant or unused school facilities that can
12 be used for after-school activities by public or
13 private providers and determine if the land or
14 facilities can be used by private providers to
15 construct, lease, or rent;
- 16 (6) Determine available and potential resources for
17 funding the establishment of new after-school
18 activities;
- 19 (7) Establish a master plan to locate and construct new
20 schools adjoining or adjacent to existing public or
21 private recreational facilities when possible; and



1 (8) Recommend legislation for the implementation of an
2 after-school, weekend, and semester break activities
3 pilot program for students in grades six to twelve.

4 (e) The task force shall submit a report of its findings
5 and recommendations, including recommended legislation, to the
6 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
7 the regular session of 2008 and shall cease to exist on June 30,
8 2008.

9 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so much
11 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and the
12 same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
13 2008-2009, for an after-school activities program coordinator.

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

16 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so much
18 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and the
19 same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
20 2008-2009, for after-school, weekend, and semester break
21 programs.



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2 of education for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
6 provided that sections 4 and 5 shall be effective on July 1,
7 2007.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

DOE; After-School Programs

Description:

Establishes an after-school activities program coordinator position and a task force to review and recommend improvements to the State's after-school, weekend, and semester break programs. Appropriates funds.

