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A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO PROVIDE FOR EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary,
- 2 the department of education shall provide one full-time
- 3 equivalent educational assistant in every public school class in
- 4 grades K-3. The department shall determine the duties of the
- 5 educational assistants; provided that:
- 6 (1) The duties shall include assisting teachers with
- 7 student behavioral problems; and
- 8 (2) The assignment of educational assistants is not
- 9 restricted to special education classes.
- 10 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
- 12 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 to provide
- 13 one educational assistant in every public school class in grades
- **14** K-3.
- 15 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
- 16 education for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.

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Education; Educational Assistants

Description:

Appropriates funds to provide one educational assistant for every public school class in grades K-3.