A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The current minimum grade point average needed
- 2 to advance to the next grade level in public school in Hawaii is
- 3 1.0. The 2009 Hawaii Secondary Student Conference by resolution
- 4 number 27 found that the 1.0 grade point average is
- 5 significantly low and relegates students to a low standard of
- 6 academic achievement, as is evident from the comparatively low
- 7 scores which Hawaii students earn on national achievement tests.
- 8 Accordingly, the 2009 Hawaii Secondary Student Conference
- 9 recommends that the grade point average for advancement to the
- 10 next grade level be raised from 1.0 to 2.0.
- 11 The purpose of this Act is to require a minimum grade point
- 12 average of 2.0 to advance to the next grade level in public
- 13 school.
- 14 SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 15 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
- 16 and to read as follows:
- 17 "§302A- Required grade point average. Beginning with
- the 2010-2011 school year, a minimum cumulative grade point 2010-0214 HB SMA.doc



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- 1 average for the school year of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale shall be
- 2 required in order for any public school student in grades one
- 3 through eleven to be promoted to the next respective grade
- 4 level. This section shall not apply to exceptional children
- 5 under section 302A-436."
- 6 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.
- 7 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

Education; Minimum Grade Point Average

Description:

Requires students in grades one through eleven to have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 for the school year to be promoted to the next grade level.

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