
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that public school
2 students can have serious medical conditions or special health
3 concerns, among them, diabetes, asthma, and severe allergies.
4 While department of education schools have school health aides,
5 many schools lack a school nurse or other licensed health care
6 professional on site to respond to individual student
7 emergencies and attend to the medical and health needs of
8 students. The absence of nurses at schools means often
9 untrained school staff, faculty, and other personnel must attend
10 to the medical and health needs of students.

11 More must be done to improve the health care system in
12 public schools. The legislature finds that the hiring of a
13 school nurse for each public school campus to oversee school
14 health policies and programs, facilitate routine care for
15 students, and respond to individual medical emergencies is
16 essential to fulfill the State's duty of care to its public
17 school students.



1 Furthermore, schools must also ensure that policies and
2 procedures are in place to provide effective support to students
3 with medical conditions to ensure their well-being and enable
4 them to achieve their full learning and academic potential. A
5 school medical emergency plan implemented at each school will
6 ensure the safety and well-being of students and school
7 personnel.

8 The purpose of this Act is to support the safety and well-
9 being of students and school personnel by:

10 (1) Requiring each public school to develop a school
11 medical emergency plan, consistent with department of
12 education regulations and guidelines, for
13 implementation by the school; and

14 (2) Appropriating funds to establish one full-time nurse
15 position in each public school.

16 SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
17 amended by adding two new sections to be appropriately
18 designated and to read as follows:

19 "§302A- School medical emergency plan. (a) Each public
20 school shall develop a school medical emergency plan, consistent
21 with department of education regulations and guidelines, for



1 implementation at the school. In developing a plan, each public
2 school shall:

3 (1) Develop the plan in cooperation with school
4 administrators, faculty, and employees;

5 (2) Consult with and receive input from the medical
6 community and appropriate public and private agencies,
7 including emergency medical services and community
8 clinicians; and

9 (3) Consider the location, staff, resources, and other
10 factors that are unique to the school.

11 (b) The school medical emergency plan shall include:

12 (1) Procedures for school faculty and staff in handling
13 and responding to medical emergencies occurring on
14 school grounds, particularly when a school nurse,
15 school health aide, or authorized school medical
16 personnel is not available and until emergency medical
17 service responders arrive; and

18 (2) Procedures for the administration of emergency first
19 aid services in schools, including emergency treatment
20 and administration of emergency medication to
21 students.



1 (c) When an emergency exists, a school nurse, school
2 health aide, authorized school medical personnel or, in their
3 absence, school faculty or staff member shall carry out
4 appropriate emergency procedures as established according to the
5 school medical emergency plan.

6 (d) All school employees shall be trained on the school
7 medical emergency plan and a written copy of the plan shall be
8 available and accessible on school grounds at all times. The
9 plan shall be reviewed by school personnel, and updated
10 annually, if necessary.

11 **§302A- School nurse position; establishment; duties.**

12 (a) Each public school in the State shall employ at least one
13 full-time (1.00 FTE) permanent school nurse position at the
14 school to oversee school health policies and programs,
15 facilitate routine care for students, and respond to individual
16 medical emergencies.

17 (b) As provided in this section, "nurse" shall mean a
18 registered nurse or advanced practice registered nurse licensed
19 or registered under chapter 457."

20 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the
2 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
3 2016-2017 for the establishment of one full-time (1.00 FTE)
4 permanent school nurse position in each public school.

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

7 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____



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Report Title:

School Nurses; School Medical Emergency Plan; Appropriation

Description:

Requires each public school to develop a school medical emergency plan, consistent with department regulations and guidelines, for implementation at its school. Establishes and appropriates funds for one full-time school nurse for each public school.

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