
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 there is a need to
2 provide transitional services for young adults with intellectual
3 developmental disabilities so they can successfully transition
4 from special education into adult life. The legislature also
5 finds that any transitional services program that is developed
6 for this purpose should also include principles and components
7 that ensure the respect of and support to the client to achieve
8 the stated life goals of these individuals with a focus on
9 reducing the stress and anxiety associated with change and
10 growth.

11 The legislature further finds that a successful
12 transitional services program's goals should be accomplished
13 through structured training by focusing on the following skills:
14 personal responsibility, interpersonal relationships, social
15 competence, physical health, mental health, independent living,
16 employability skills, occupational awareness, recreation and
17 leisure skills, consumer skills and community participation.



1 Such a program should also seek to fulfill these requirements
2 within the macro-areas of support: community integration, self-
3 advocacy and employment training.

4 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate moneys to the
5 department of health, to be matched by a non-profit or for-
6 profit business or group, for a two-year pilot project for the
7 establishment and operation of a comprehensive transitional
8 service center for young adults with intellectual-developmental
9 disabilities. The service center will provide specific
10 curriculums that include:

- 11 (1) Transitioning from a high school special education
12 program setting into a program that will result in
13 independent living;
- 14 (2) Transitioning from care home or family home life into
15 a program that will result in independent living; and
- 16 (3) Transitioning from mental health and correctional
17 facility settings into a program that will result in
18 independent living.

19 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
21 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and
22 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal



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1 year 2016-2017 for the establishment and operation of a
2 comprehensive transitional service center for youth with
3 intellectual and developmental disabilities.

4 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
5 of health for the purposes of this Act; provided that no funds
6 shall be made available under this Act unless matching funds are
7 provided for the purposes for which these sums are appropriated.

8 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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Report Title:

Comprehensive Transitional Service Center; Appropriation; DOH

Description:

Appropriates moneys to DOH to establish and operate a comprehensive transitional service center for youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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