
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CHILD ABUSE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that increasing access
2 and visibility in Hawaii's public education systems of a hotline
3 number designed to help children who are the victims of abuse
4 and neglect will increase reporting of incidents of abuse and
5 neglect. Based on accounts of abused and neglected children, it
6 is evident that teachers are not always able to recognize
7 students who are being abused or neglected. Increasing the
8 visibility of and access to the child abuse or neglect hotline
9 and other related information will enable students and victims
10 to better self-report these incidents and enable them to get the
11 help they so desperately need.

12 The purpose of this Act is to encourage students who are
13 victims of abuse or neglect to seek help and to inform them of
14 resources that are available to help them by permitting
15 department of education schools and charter schools to post a
16 sign containing the department of human services child abuse or



neglect hotline in each school in a conspicuous location in a public area that is readily accessible to students.

SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

"§302A- Child abuse or neglect hotline; posting. (a)
Each department school may post in each school in a conspicuous
location in a public area that is readily accessible to
students, a sign that contains the department of human services
child abuse or neglect hotline.

(b) The director of human services, in consultation with
the superintendent, may adopt requirements relating to the size
and location of the sign permitted by subsection (a); provided
that, at minimum:

(1) The director of human services shall decide what
languages in addition to English shall be included on
the sign to best reach targeted audiences;

(2) The language on the sign shall be visible, readable,
and clear to students;

(3) The sign shall contain the current phone number of the
child abuse or neglect hotline in bold print;



1 (4) The sign shall be eleven inches by seventeen inches or
2 larger;

3 (5) The sign shall be posted in a high-traffic location
4 and at eye level to students;

5 (6) The sign shall contain instructions to call 911 for
6 emergencies; and

7 (7) The sign shall contain directions for accessing the
8 department of human services child welfare services
9 website for more information on reporting abuse,
10 neglect, or exploitation."

11 SECTION 3. Chapter 302D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
13 and to read as follows:

14 "§302D- Child abuse or neglect hotline; posting. (a)
15 Each charter school may post in each school in a conspicuous
16 location in a public area that is readily accessible to
17 students, a sign that contains the department of human services
18 child abuse or neglect hotline.

19 (b) The director of human services, in consultation with
20 the governing board of the respective charter school, may adopt



1 requirements relating to the size and location of the sign
2 permitted by subsection (a); provided that, at minimum:

- 3 (1) The director of human services shall decide what
4 languages in addition to English shall be included on
5 the sign to best reach targeted audiences;
- 6 (2) The language on the sign shall be visible, readable,
7 and clear to students;
- 8 (3) The sign shall contain the current phone number of the
9 child abuse or neglect hotline in bold print;
- 10 (4) The sign shall be eleven inches by seventeen inches or
11 larger;
- 12 (5) The sign shall be posted in a high-traffic location
13 and at eye level to students;
- 14 (6) The sign shall contain instructions to call 911 for
15 emergencies; and
- 16 (7) The sign shall contain directions for accessing the
17 department of human services child welfare services
18 website for more information on reporting abuse,
19 neglect, or exploitation."



1 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

2 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



Report Title:

Child Abuse or Neglect Hotline; Posting Signs; Public Schools

Description:

Allows Department of Education schools and charter schools to post signs containing the Department of Human Services hotline for reporting child abuse and neglect. (HB133 HD1)

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