
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that a gap exists between
2 the skills that students in the State have upon graduation and
3 the skills that employers in the State are seeking. Business
4 leaders in Hawaii's expanding industries report that it is often
5 difficult to recruit local applicants who have necessary skills
6 and experiences.

7 The legislature further finds that educational programs
8 specializing in career readiness and technical skills can be
9 effective in preparing students in Hawaii to enter the State's
10 job market. Educational initiatives at schools within the State
11 have been established to develop students' technical skills and
12 prepare them to enter the workforce.

13 The purpose of this Act is to expand the number of students
14 receiving career and technical skills education by allowing
15 students to enroll in career and technical programs in schools
16 outside of the service area in which they reside.



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

4 "§302A- Career and technical education programs;
5 enrollment. (a) A school that has a career and technical
6 education program shall review all geographic-exception
7 applications and make a determination whether to:

8 (1) Enroll any student who resides within the school's
9 service area pursuant to section 302A-1143;

10 (2) Enroll all students from outside the school's service
11 area who submit an application, unless the number of
12 students who submit an application exceeds the
13 capacity of a program, class, grade level, or
14 building;

15 (3) Use a lottery system to select students described in
16 paragraph (2) who have submitted a timely application,
17 if the school finds that capacity is insufficient to
18 enroll all students; and

19 (4) Give an enrollment preference to students enrolled in
20 the school during the previous school year.



1 (b) The department may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91
2 to implement this section.

3 (c) As used in this section, "career and technical
4 education program" means a program operated by a school that
5 primarily focuses on learning and skills development in students
6 through the practical application of academic and technical
7 skills and knowledge."

8 SECTION 3. Section 302A-1143, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 **"§302A-1143 Attending school in what service area. A**
11 **person of school age shall be required to attend the school of**
12 **the service area, as determined by the department, in which the**
13 **person resides, unless:**

14 (1) The person is enrolled in a Hawaiian language medium
15 education program or charter school;

16 (2) A geographic exception to attend a school in another
17 service area is requested and granted at the
18 discretion of the department; [~~or~~]

19 (3) Out-of-service-area attendance is mandated by the
20 department or by federal law[~~-~~]; or



1 (4) The person is enrolled in a career and technical
2 education program under section 302A- ."

3 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

DOE; Public Schools; Career and Technical Education Programs;
Educational Choice

Description:

Requires a public school that has a career and technical education program to review all geographic exceptions applications and make a determination whether to allow students to enroll in career and technical education programs in schools outside the Department of Education service area in which the student resides. (SB376 HD1)

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