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# 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 many schools across  
2 the country are working to synchronize school clocks with  
3 students' body clocks because many high school students are  
4 sleep deprived, resulting in poorer academic and athletic  
5 performance. While there are social reasons for teenagers  
6 staying awake later, such as chatting online or on the phone and  
7 watching television, there are also practical and biological  
8 reasons for staying up late. With adolescence come greater  
9 academic responsibilities and increased involvement in  
10 extracurricular activities, as well as more time spent earning  
11 money. The legislature further finds that Hawaii's public high  
12 school students would benefit from a later start time in school,  
13 enabling students to obtain adequate sleep.

14           The purpose of this Act is to allow schools to start the  
15 school day Hawaii's public high schools to start at any time  
16 between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.



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- High schools; start time. Beginning with the  
5 2020-2021 school year, each public high school in the State may  
6 begin school activities at any time between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00  
7 a.m.; provided that regardless of class start time, each school  
8 shall be subject to the minimum instructional time requirements  
9 under section 302A-251."

10 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



**Report Title:**

Public High Schools; Start Time

**Description:**

Allows Hawaii's public high schools to start at any time between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. (SD1)

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