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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 a gap exists between  
2 the skills that students in the State have upon graduation from  
3 high school and the skills that employers in the State are  
4 seeking. Business leaders in Hawaii's expanding industries  
5 report that it is often difficult to recruit local applicants  
6 who have necessary skills 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 numbers of  
14 students receiving career and technical skills education by  
15 giving students an exception to attend these programs in schools  
16 outside of the service area in which those students reside.



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

4 "§302A- Career and technical education programs;  
5 enrollment. (a) Any school having a career and technical  
6 education program shall enroll all students who submit a timely  
7 application for participation in the program and who:  
8 (1) Reside within the school's service area;  
9 (2) Were enrolled in the school during the previous school  
10 year; or  
11 (3) Reside outside the school's service area;  
12 provided that if enrolling all students pursuant to  
13 paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) will cause the enrollment of the  
14 school to exceed the capacity of a program, class, grade level,  
15 or building, the school shall enroll all students described in  
16 paragraphs (1) and (2) and fill any remaining capacity of the  
17 program, class, grade level, or building by selecting eligible  
18 students described in paragraph (3) through a lottery system.  
19 (b) The department shall adopt rules pursuant to  
20 chapter 91 to effectuate the purposes of this section."



1 SECTION 3. Section 302A-101, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted  
3 and to read as follows:

4 "Career and technical education program" means a program  
5 operated by a school that primarily focuses on learning and  
6 skill development in students through the practical application  
7 of academic and technical skills and knowledge."

8 SECTION 4. 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 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5        SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Department of Education; Career and Technical Education;  
District Exceptions

**Description:**

Gives a preference to students who live within the service area of a school or who enrolled in the school the previous school year who apply for participation in a career and technical education program offered by that school. Exempts students enrolled in a career and technical education program from the requirement to attend school within the service area in which a student resides. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)

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