
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. 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 school law enforcement career-pipeline
5 initiative. (a) There shall be created in the department a
6 high school law enforcement curriculum-to-career-pipeline
7 initiative.

8 (b) The purpose of the high school law enforcement
9 curriculum-to-career-pipeline initiative shall be to enable
10 students to pursue training and qualified experiences, as
11 approved by a school's administration, pertaining to the field
12 of law enforcement and accrue credits to complete graduation
13 requirements.

14 (c) The department shall collaborate and consult with the
15 department of law enforcement and the local police departments
16 of the respective counties to develop and implement the high
17 school law enforcement curriculum-to-career-pipeline initiative.



1 (d) The department shall adopt and implement specific
2 training and education programs for careers in law enforcement.

3 In adopting such programs, the department shall build a
4 curriculum track to facilitate transition into post-secondary
5 education at the police academy of each respective county, the
6 University of Hawaii, and the University of Hawaii Community
7 Colleges.

8 (e) The department shall offer the following to satisfy
9 high school graduation requirements:

10 (1) An elective offering training and mentorship
11 opportunities with community police officers, similar
12 to Honolulu Police Department's Law Enforcement
13 Explorers Program;

14 (2) An age-appropriate version of the Honolulu Police
15 Department's Citizens Police Academy;

16 (3) A course that allows students to assist school
17 resource officers, if one is assigned to their high
18 school, in tasks relating to implementing school
19 programs, administering informational sessions, and
20 promoting school safety; and



1 (4) A dual credit program in accordance with section 302A-
 2 401 with the University of Hawaii and the University
 3 of Hawaii Community Colleges for courses in fields
 4 relating to criminal justice, justice administration,
 5 and criminology.

6 (f) The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter
 7 91 to effectuate the purposes of this section."

8 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
 9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
 10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and the
 11 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
 12 2026-2027 for the purpose of developing and implementing a high
 13 school law enforcement curriculum-to-career pipeline initiative.

14 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
 15 education for the purposes of this Act.

16 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

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Report Title:

Law Enforcement; Education; Career Development; Workforce Readiness

Description:

Establishes a high school law enforcement curriculum-to-career pipeline initiative. Appropriates funds to develop and implement the program.

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