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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. 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-       Emergency preparedness; safety and security. To  
5 ensure the safety of students, teachers, and school staff:

6           (1) All classroom doors shall be retrofitted with an  
7           interior lock by January 1, 2027;

8           (2) All classrooms and outside gathering spaces shall be  
9           connected to a public address system that is  
10           independent of the school's phone system by January 1,  
11           2027;

12           (3) All schools shall be equipped with an emergency access  
13           route which features more than one entrance and exit  
14           by January 1, 2027; and

15           (4) All classrooms and outside gathering spaces shall  
16           feature functioning fire alarms with both an auditory  
17           and visual component by January 1, 2027."



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- Emergency management plan; emergency  
5 preparedness. (a) The department shall establish an emergency  
6 management plan for all schools to prepare for and respond to an  
7 emergency or disaster, as defined in section 127A-2. Emergency  
8 management plans shall be updated on a yearly basis and shall  
9 include:

10 (1) Mandatory emergency preparedness training for all  
11 teachers, students, and school staff that includes:

12 (A) Annual training for all teachers and staff on  
13 violence prevention, awareness, reporting, and  
14 emergency response conducted in conjunction with  
15 law enforcement and aligned with best practices;

16 (B) Annual, age-appropriate training for all students  
17 on violence prevention, awareness, reporting, and  
18 emergency response that is aligned with  
19 established best practices;

20 (C) Teacher, staff, and student training on the  
21 protocol for initiating an emergency response;



- 1            (D) Teacher, staff, and student training on a
- 2                    standardized emergency response protocol; and
- 3            (E) Basic safety training such as first aid and
- 4                    cardiopulmonary resuscitation for all teachers
- 5                    and security personnel; and
- 6            (F) Parent and guardian access to relevant
- 7                    information regarding emergency response plans;
- 8                    and

9            (2) At least four emergency practice drills per year at  
 10                    each school, two of which shall occur during  
 11                    inopportune times of the school day such as recess or  
 12                    during a school assembly, to address the following  
 13                    emergency situations:

- 14            (A) Lock down;
- 15            (B) Fire;
- 16            (C) Severe weather; and
- 17            (D) Active shooter.

18            (b) Each school shall regularly test their public address  
 19                    system and fire alarms, no less than once every three months."

20            SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
 21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and the  
2 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
3 2026-2027 for the implementation of emergency preparedness  
4 procedures, training, equipment, and retrofitting.

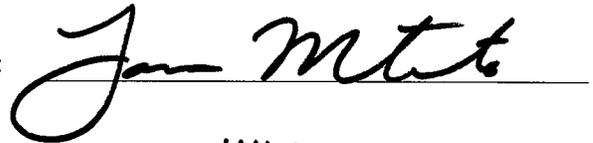
5 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
6 education for the purposes of this Act.

7 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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INTRODUCED BY:



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# H.B. NO. 1445

**Report Title:**

Education; School Safety; Emergency Preparedness; Appropriation

**Description:**

Requires the department of education to equip all classroom doors with interior locks, maintain a public address system, feature an emergency access route, and maintain fire alarms. Mandates the establishment of school emergency plans. Requires schools conduct regular testing and emergency preparedness drills. Appropriates funds.

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