

ACT 84

S.B. NO. 2869-82

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Support of Children.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 577-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§577-7 Parents’ control and duties. (a) Parents or, in case they are both deceased, guardians, legally appointed, shall have control over the conduct and education of their minor children. They shall have the right, at all times, to recover the physical custody of their children by habeas corpus. All parents and guardians shall provide, to the best of their abilities, for the discipline, support, and education of their children.

(b) To the extent that the minor child has a beneficial interest in the income or principal of any trust which is applied for such purposes, parents or guardians shall not be required to pay the costs of registration, tuition, books, room and board, and other expenses incurred in connection with the attendance of a minor child at any private grammar, secondary, industrial arts or trade school, or at any college or university, whether or not the college or university is a private institution or is maintained by a state or any subdivision thereof. The power of the family court

under sections 580-47 and 580-74 to compel the parties to a divorce or separation to provide for the education of a minor or an adult child shall not be limited by any provision of this subsection.”

SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 14, 1982.)