

ACT 156

S.B. NO. 1157

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that there are children whose presence within the community may pose a threat to their own safety and to the safety of the general public. These children require a safe, secure residential facility in which they can learn to become law abiding, productive, self-sufficient citizens.

The Legislature further finds that programming to this end, regardless of the duration of the child's stay, must be offered continuously throughout the year to accommodate the fact that commitments are sporadic and for varying terms, and that such programs, to the extent possible, shall be individualized so that these children may realize their full educational, vocational, social and emotional potential.

SECTION 2. Section 352-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is repealed.

SECTION 3. Chapter 352, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

**“§352- Purpose.** (a) This chapter creates within the department of social services and housing, under the supervision of the director and such other subordinates as the director shall designate, the Hawaii youth correctional facilities, in order to provide for the incarceration, punishment, and institutional care and services to reintegrate into their communities and families, children committed by the courts of the State of Hawaii.

(b) The policy and purpose of this chapter is to harmonize the sometimes conflicting requirements of public safety, secure placement, and individualized

services for law violators in the custody and care of the director. To that end, the director shall provide the opportunity for intelligence and aptitude evaluation, psychological testing and counseling, prevocational and vocational training, and employment counseling to all persons committed to the Hawaii youth correctional facilities. Counseling services shall be available to the committed person's family during the term of commitment. The director shall coordinate services provided to the facilities by other departments and agencies, to realize these policies and purposes."

SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.<sup>1</sup>

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 31, 1985.)

**Note**

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.