

ACT 47

S.B. NO. 2463-86

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Department of Education.

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

SECTION 1. Section 298-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§298-2 Department powers and duties. (a) The department of education shall have entire charge and control and be responsible for the conduct of all affairs pertaining to public instruction. The department may establish and maintain schools for secular instruction at such places and for such terms as in its discretion it may deem advisable and the funds at its disposal may permit.

The schools may include high schools, kindergarten schools, schools or classes for pregrade education, boarding schools, evening as well as day schools. The department may also maintain classes for technical and other instruction in any school where there may not be pupils sufficient in number to justify the establishment of separate schools for such purposes.

(b) The department shall regulate the courses of study to be pursued in all grades of public schools and classify them by such methods as [it shall deem] the department deems proper; provided[,] that the course of study and instruction in the first eight grades shall be so regulated that not less than fifty per cent of the study and instruction in each school day shall be devoted to the oral expression, the written composition, and the spelling of the English language[.], except for special projects using the Hawaiian language as approved by the board of education.

(c) Nothing in this section shall interfere with those attending a summer school.”

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

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

(Approved April 17, 1986.)