

ACT 330

H.B. NO. 1090

A Bill for an Act Relating to Curfew for Minors.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that society has recently been plagued by an upsurge in the rate of violent crimes, including murder. An alarming proportion of these violent crimes have been committed by minors. The increased involvement of minors in youth gangs, and the tendency of these gangs to become involved in violent crimes are reasons for concern. Compounding this concern is the fact that many violent incidents involving minors occur during the curfew hours established for minors. However, the legislature believes that minors should not be immediately branded criminals but should be allowed an opportunity to be rehabilitated. The purpose of this Act is to give the family court authority to investigate and, if appropriate, order counseling or community service for minors who violate the curfew law.

SECTION 2. Chapter 577, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“§577- Sentencing for the violation of curfew. In addition to any other penalties established by law, rule, or ordinance in the State, any child found in violation of section 577-16 and their parents or guardians may be required to participate in such counseling, as the court deems to be appropriate in each case.”

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.¹

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved July 8, 1991.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.