

ACT 249

S.B. NO. 2851

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Protection and Advocacy System.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 333F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

**“§333F- Advocacy agency for developmentally disabled and mentally ill persons.** (a) The purpose of this section is to comply with federal law, which mandates the states to provide advocacy services to developmentally disabled and mentally ill persons in order to receive federal funds.

(b) The governor may designate an entity or agency to carry out the purposes of this section.

(c) The entity or agency designated by the governor shall have access to all records of any developmentally disabled or mentally ill person, to the extent required by federal law.

(d) The entity or agency so designated by the governor shall provide those advocacy services to developmentally disabled and mentally ill persons as required by federal law. All departments and agencies of the State, and the judiciary, shall cooperate with the entity or agency so designated to carry out the purposes of this section.”

SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.<sup>1</sup>

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

(Approved June 17, 1992.)

**Note**

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.