

ACT 361

S.B. NO. 26

A Bill for an Act Relating to Parent and Guardian Responsibility for Minor.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that parents serve as their children's first and primary teachers and, therefore, should be actively involved in all aspects of their children's educational process. Encompassed within this parental responsibility is the requirement that parents take steps to ensure that their children comply with the student code of conduct as adopted by the board of education. The purpose of this Act is to ensure that parents and guardians are informed of their responsibility with respect to their children's compliance with the student code of conduct and to clarify the consequences to parents and guardians for the children's failure to conform to such conduct.

SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

**“§302A- Parent and guardian accountability for compliance with student code of conduct.** (a) The department shall inform all parents and guardians of the student code of conduct and of their responsibilities with respect to ensuring that their children comply with the code. The department also shall provide assis-

tance and advice to parents and guardians in meeting their responsibilities under the code.

(b) The failure of a student to meet the requirements for regular attendance and punctuality shall subject the student's parent, parents, or guardian to the penalties provided in section 302A-1135. Destruction of school property by a student, in addition to all other legal action that may be taken, shall subject the student's parent, parents, or guardian to proceedings under section 302A-1130 or 302A-1153, as appropriate."

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.<sup>1</sup>

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

(Approved July 3, 1997.)

**Note**

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.