
A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE ASSESSMENTS FOR
UNINSURED STUDENTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The department of education has instituted a
2 zero tolerance policy with regard to students who possess, sell,
3 consume, or use intoxicating liquor or illegal drugs, or who
4 reasonably appear to have consumed or used intoxicating liquor
5 or illegal drugs, while attending school or department-
6 supervised activities held on or off school property. Any
7 student found to be in violation of either provision of this
8 policy is subject to the department's disciplinary rules. The
9 student may be allowed to return to school earlier than the
10 department's original disciplinary determination, if the student
11 gives the school evidence of:

12 (1) A completed substance abuse assessment and the student
13 is progressing toward clinical discharge from any
14 substance abuse treatment or substance abuse
15 counseling recommended by the substance abuse
16 assessment; or



1 (2) A completed substance abuse assessment indicating that
2 the student does not need substance abuse treatment or
3 substance abuse counseling, provided that the student
4 provides a certified copy of the assessment, and the
5 student's parent or legal guardian consents to the
6 student receiving follow-up counseling or other
7 student support services to be provided by the
8 department.

9 Assessment is the process of evaluating or appraising a
10 candidate's suitability for substance abuse treatment and
11 placement in a specific treatment modality or setting. This
12 evaluation includes information on:

- 13 (1) Current and past use and abuse of drugs;
14 (2) Justice system involvement;
15 (3) Medical, familial, social, educational, military,
16 employment, and treatment histories; and
17 (4) Risk for infectious diseases such as sexually
18 transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, and
19 hepatitis.

20 Publicly-funded assessment services are needed for students who
21 lack the necessary financial resources or who are uninsured.



1 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to
2 establish an assessment bank to cover the cost of substance
3 abuse assessments for uninsured students who are found to be in
4 violation of the department of education's zero tolerance policy
5 relating to alcohol and other drugs.

6 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
8 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007 for
9 an assessment bank to cover the cost of substance abuse
10 assessments for uninsured students who are found to be in
11 violation of the department of education's zero tolerance policy
12 relating to alcohol and other drugs.

13 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
14 health for the purposes of this Act.

15 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.



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Report Title:

Substance Abuse; Treatment; Uninsured Students

Description:

Establishes an "assessment bank" to cover the cost of substance abuse assessments for uninsured students who are found to be in violation of the department of education's zero tolerance policy relating to alcohol and other drugs. Makes appropriation.
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