
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ACT 308, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2001.

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

1 SECTION 1. Act 308, Session Laws of Hawaii 2001, is
2 amended by amending section 3 to read as follows:

3 "SECTION 1. The National Commission on Teaching and
4 America's Future, a national organization with nineteen partner
5 states, including Hawaii, seeks to improve student learning by
6 ensuring that there is a caring, competent, and qualified
7 teacher in every classroom.

8 Over the past year, with the lieutenant governor as its
9 chairperson, the Hawaii Policy Group of the National Commission
10 on Teaching and America's Future, comprised of a representative
11 group of educational stakeholders, has collaborated on research-
12 based recommendations to improve teaching in Hawaii. The
13 recommendations encompass five key areas:

- 14 (1) Establishing and implementing standards for students
15 and teachers;
- 16 (2) Providing for teacher preparation and professional
17 development;



- 1 (3) Strengthening teacher recruitment and placing
- 2 qualified teachers in all classrooms;
- 3 (4) Encouraging and rewarding teaching knowledge and
- 4 skill; and
- 5 (5) Creating schools that are organized for student and
- 6 teacher success.

7 One thing was clear: aside from home and societal factors,
8 teacher quality is, without a question, the most influential
9 factor in student achievement. Standards-based reform has a
10 greater chance of success when teacher quality is addressed and
11 given our highest priority. Teachers must be equipped with the
12 resources and skills necessary to ensure that all students
13 attain their full potential.

14 In its efforts to provide quality education for all
15 students, the department of education continues to seek
16 solutions to address its recruitment needs in maintaining a
17 teacher applicant pool capable of addressing continuing teacher
18 shortages in all academic areas. The shortage of applicants for
19 teaching is projected to exist for at least another ten years.

20 SECTION 2. Beginning July 1, 2001, the department of
21 education may employ retired teachers at up to one hundred per
22 cent full-time equivalents in teacher shortage areas identified

1 by the department of education and to serve as mentors for new
 2 classroom teachers with the prior approval of the superintendent
 3 of education, and pursuant to collective bargaining agreements.
 4 The provisions of sections 88-21, 88-42.5, 88-43, 88-45, and 88-
 5 46, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and any other statute to the
 6 contrary notwithstanding, retired teachers who are hired under
 7 this section shall not earn retirement service credit,
 8 contribute to the retirement system, or gain additional
 9 retirement system benefits as a result of their employment;
 10 provided that the retired teachers shall continue to receive
 11 entitled normal retirement benefits without penalty. To qualify
 12 for full-time employment, the teacher shall be retired for two
 13 calendar years. A retired teacher may qualify for mentoring
 14 immediately upon retirement.

15 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2001, and
 16 shall be repealed on July 1, [~~2005~~] 2007."

17 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 18 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:
Retired teachers

Description:
Extends sunset date on Act 308, Session Laws of Hawaii 2001.

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