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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CHILDREN.

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

1           SECTION 1. Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 128, Regular  
2 Session 2005, requested the department of human services and the  
3 department of public safety to jointly establish a task force to  
4 examine issues affecting the children of incarcerated parents  
5 and to propose solutions to those issues as well as methods to  
6 break the cycle of crime and violence in these families.

7 Specifically, the task force was requested to:

8           (a) Develop a system to identify children of incarcerated  
9 parents;

10           (b) Develop programs and support services for these  
11 children;

12           (c) Provide support for incarcerated parents, where  
13 appropriate; and

14           (d) Develop programs to strengthen these families.

15           During the interim period following the 2005 regular  
16 session, the department of public safety and the department of  
17 human services established the children of incarcerated parents  
18 task force as requested. The task force met three times, but



1 there was insufficient time to adequately research, discuss, and  
2 prepare feasible proposals for programs to address the needs of  
3 children of incarcerated parents.

4 The purpose of this Act is to extend the term of the  
5 children of incarcerated parents task force so it can continue  
6 to develop programs to aid children of incarcerated parents, to  
7 strengthen these families, and to break the cycle of crime and  
8 violence within them.

9 SECTION 2. (a) The children of incarcerated parents task  
10 force, which was established by Senate Concurrent Resolution  
11 128, Regular Session 2005, shall continue to operate through  
12 June 30, 2008.

13 (b) The task force shall include members as follows:

- 14 (1) The director of public safety or a designee;  
15 (2) The deputy director of the corrections division of the  
16 department of public safety;  
17 (3) The administrator of the intake service centers of the  
18 department of public safety;  
19 (4) The institutions division administrator of the  
20 community correctional centers;  
21 (5) The director of health or a designee;  
22 (6) The director of human services or a designee;



- 1           (7)    The executive director of the office of youth services
- 2                    or a designee;
- 3           (8)    The chief justice of the supreme court or a designee;
- 4           (9)    A representative of the family court of the first
- 5                    circuit;
- 6           (10)   The superintendent of education or a designee;
- 7           (11)   The attorney general or a designee;
- 8           (12)   The prosecuting attorney of each county or a designee;
- 9           (13)   A representative of child protective services;
- 10          (14)   The director of the Children's Justice Center of Oahu;
- 11          (15)   A representative from the adult probation division;
- 12          (16)   A member representing each of the county police
- 13                    departments appointed by the respective police chiefs;
- 14          (17)   A public member with advocacy experience working on
- 15                    behalf of children of incarcerated parents to be
- 16                    selected by Blueprint for Change;
- 17          (18)   A public member with advocacy experience working on
- 18                    behalf of children of incarcerated parents to be
- 19                    selected by Child and Family Services;
- 20          (19)   A public member with advocacy experience working on
- 21                    behalf of children of incarcerated parents to be
- 22                    selected by Community Alliance on Prisons;



1           (20) A public member with advocacy experience working on  
2           behalf of children of incarcerated parents to be  
3           selected by Good Beginnings Alliance;

4           (21) A public member with advocacy experience working on  
5           behalf of children of incarcerated parents to be  
6           selected by Hawaii Juvenile Justice Project;

7           (22) A public member with advocacy experience working on  
8           behalf of children of incarcerated parents to be  
9           selected by Keiki O Ka Aina Family Learning Centers;

10          (23) A public member with advocacy experience working on  
11          behalf of children of incarcerated parents to be  
12          selected by Neighborhood Place of Puna;

13          (24) A public member with advocacy experience working on  
14          behalf of children of incarcerated parents to be  
15          selected by Neighborhood Place of Wailuku; and

16          (25) Public members with experience working with children  
17          of incarcerated parents to be selected by the  
18          Children's Justice Center.

19          (c) The task force shall:

20            (1) Develop a system to identify children of incarcerated  
21            parents in Hawaii and to make referrals as  
22            appropriate;



- 1           (2) Determine the impact that parental incarceration has  
2           on children of incarcerated parents;
- 3           (3) Identify the needs of children of incarcerated parents  
4           and develop responsive programs;
- 5           (4) Identify local programs and models, including neighbor  
6           island programs and models; and
- 7           (5) Review other jurisdictions' activities, policies,  
8           directives, and laws related to children of  
9           incarcerated parents and derive best practices models  
10          therefrom.

11          (d) The members of the task force shall select the  
12 chairperson of the task force and shall be reimbursed for  
13 expenses, including travel expenses, necessary for the  
14 performance of their duties.

15          (e) The department of public safety and the department of  
16 human services each shall provide support services necessary to  
17 assist the task force in achieving its purpose as required under  
18 this Act.

19          (f) This task force shall cease to exist after June 30,  
20 2008.

21          SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
22 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$21,637, or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for  
 2 reimbursement for travel expenses incurred by members of the  
 3 children of incarcerated parents task force, including neighbor  
 4 island stakeholders, and for any administrative costs of the  
 5 task force.

6 SECTION 4. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the  
 7 department of human services for the purposes of this Act.

8 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

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**Report Title:**

Children of Incarcerated Parents Task Force

**Description:**

Extends the term of the children of incarcerated parents task force until 2008 and appropriates funds.

