
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 public safety and the
3 department of human services to jointly establish a task force
4 to 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 (1) Develop a system to identify children of incarcerated
9 parents;
- 10 (2) Develop programs and support services for these
11 children;
- 12 (3) Provide support for incarcerated parents, where
13 appropriate; and
- 14 (4) 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 No.
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 and the correctional
21 facilities;
- 22 (5) The director of health or a designee;



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



- 1 (19) A public member with advocacy experience working on
2 behalf of children of incarcerated parents to be
3 selected by the Community Alliance on Prisons;
- 4 (20) A public member with advocacy experience working on
5 behalf of children of incarcerated parents to be
6 selected by the Good Beginnings Alliance;
- 7 (21) A public member with advocacy experience working on
8 behalf of children of incarcerated parents to be
9 selected by the Hawaii Juvenile Justice Project;
- 10 (22) A public member with advocacy experience working on
11 behalf of children of incarcerated parents to be
12 selected by Keiki O Ka Aina Family Learning Centers;
- 13 (23) A public member with advocacy experience working on
14 behalf of children of incarcerated parents to be
15 selected by Neighborhood Place of Puna;
- 16 (24) A public member with advocacy experience working on
17 behalf of children of incarcerated parents to be
18 selected by Neighborhood Place of Wailuku; and
- 19 (25) Public members with experience working with children
20 of incarcerated parents to be selected by the
21 Children's Justice Center.
- 22 (c) The task force shall:



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

4 (2) Determine the impact that parental incarceration has
5 on children of incarcerated parents;

6 (3) Identify the needs of children of incarcerated parents
7 and develop responsive programs;

8 (4) Identify local programs and models, including neighbor
9 island programs and models; and

10 (5) Review other jurisdictions' activities, policies,
11 directives, and laws related to children of
12 incarcerated parents and derive best practices models
13 therefrom.

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

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

1 (f) This task force shall cease to exist after June 30,
2 2008.

3 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so much
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for
6 reimbursement for expenses, including travel expenses, incurred
7 by members of the children of incarcerated parents task force
8 and for any administrative costs of the task force.

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

11 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. (SD1)

