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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4           "§302A- Children with developmental disabilities;  
5 placement flexibility. The department may elect, upon  
6 application by a parent, or in the exercise of its own  
7 discretion, to allow a child with developmental disabilities to  
8 remain in an early education program beyond age three in a  
9 setting in which children are grouped by developmental age  
10 rather than by chronological age."

11           SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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**Report Title:**

Education; Developmental Disability

**Description:**

Authorizes the department of education to allow a developmentally disabled child to remain in early education programs based on the child's developmental age.

