
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 while
4 attending school, or who reasonably appear to have consumed or
5 used intoxicating liquor or illegal drugs prior to attending
6 department-supervised activities held on or off school property.
7 Any 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: (a) a completed substance abuse
12 assessment and the student is progressing toward clinical
13 discharge from any substance abuse treatment or substance abuse
14 counseling recommended by the substance abuse assessment, or (b)
15 if the substance abuse assessment finds that the student does
16 not need substance abuse treatment or substance abuse
17 counseling, that the student provides a certified copy of the



1 assessment, and the student's parent or legal guardian consents
2 to the student receiving follow-up counseling or other student
3 support services to be provided by the department.

4 As used in this section, assessment is the process of
5 evaluating or appraising a candidate's suitability for substance
6 abuse treatment and placement in a specific treatment modality
7 or setting. This evaluation includes information on current and
8 past use and abuse of drugs; justice system involvement;
9 medical, familial, social, educational, military, employment,
10 and treatment histories; and risk of infectious diseases (e.g.,
11 sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, and
12 hepatitis). Publicly-funded assessment services are needed for
13 students who lack the necessary financial resources to obtain
14 them, or who are uninsured.

15 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to
16 establish an "assessment bank" to cover the cost of substance
17 abuse assessments for uninsured students who are found to be in
18 violation of the department of education's zero tolerance policy
19 relating to alcohol and other drugs.

20 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$50,000, or so much
22 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for an



1 "assessment bank" to cover the cost of substance abuse
2 assessments for students who are found to be in violation of the
3 department of education's "zero tolerance" policy relating to
4 alcohol and other drugs.

5 SECTION 3. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the
6 department of health for the purposes of this Act.

7 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.



Report Title:

Substance Abuse; Treatment; Uninsured Students

Description:

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