
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO
INCREASE ACADEMIC SERVICES AND EXTRACURRICULAR SERVICES FOR
STUDENTS IN NON-SCHOOL HOUR PROGRAMS.

1 WHEREAS, the education of Hawaii's public school students
2 occurs not only during school hours but also after the school
3 day has ended; and
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5 WHEREAS, the No Child Left Behind Act requirements have
6 required all schools to focus on meeting narrow academic
7 mandates to the demise of other content areas, including fine
8 arts, performing arts, foreign language, physical education,
9 other subject areas, and school activities; and
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11 WHEREAS, the After-school Plus Program (A+ Program), which
12 first began in 1990, provides a valuable resource to students
13 and their parents through:
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- 15 (1) Assistance with homework;
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17 (2) Enrichment activities; and
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19 (3) Supervised recreational activities,
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21 that extend beyond basic custodial care; and
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23 WHEREAS, among other things, the A+ Program:
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- 25 (1) Offers a stimulating and caring environment for
26 students;
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28 (2) Reinforces and expands students' learning experiences;
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30 (3) Enhances the relationship between home and school to
31 meet students' needs collaboratively;
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1 (4) Improves students' level of physical fitness; and

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3 (5) Makes better use of school facilities; and

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5 WHEREAS, the A+ Program is an important and integral
6 component in helping students achieve their educational goals
7 and reach their potential; and

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9 WHEREAS, service providers for the A+ Program and other
10 service providers are capable of offering a wide range of
11 academic and extracurricular learning opportunities that support
12 and add to the offerings of the schools, especially in subjects
13 and activities that schools are unable to effectively offer
14 because of the No Child Left Behind Act; and

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16 WHEREAS, academic services and extracurricular activities
17 offered on school campuses during non-school hours can fill a
18 void for families already searching for opportunities to meet
19 their children's academic needs and interests, as well as offer
20 the convenience of not having to transport children from a
21 school to an after-school activity; now, therefore,

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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
24 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, the
25 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
26 Education (DOE) is requested to develop a plan to increase
27 academic and extracurricular services to students in the A+
28 Program and other on-site programs developed and offered by A+
29 and other service providers; and

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the non-school hour services
32 include:

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34 (1) Tutoring for specific academic subjects;

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36 (2) Training in study skills, such as time management and
37 note-taking;

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39 (3) Training in test-taking skills;

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41 (4) Other services in addition to the homework-assistance
42 services, enrichment activities, and supervised
43 recreational activities currently offered by the A+
44 Program; and



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2 (5) Other academic offerings, including noncredit classes
3 in fine arts, performing arts, foreign language, and
4 physical education and extracurricular activities
5 sponsored by the A+ program and other service
6 providers; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a school's School Community
9 Council shall advise its principal who shall make the final
10 decision on whether to implement non-school hour programs beyond
11 what presently exists; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the DOE is requested to submit
14 the plan to the Legislature at least twenty days prior to the
15 convening of the Regular Session of 2008; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
18 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Chair
19 of the Board of Education, and the Superintendent of Education.

