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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO INCREASE ACADEMIC SERVICES TO STUDENTS IN THE AFTER-SCHOOL PLUS PROGRAM.

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		REAS, the After-school Plus Program (A+ Program), which
6	first began in 1990, provides a valuable resource to students	
7	and their	parents through:
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9	(1)	Assistance with homework;
10	(2)	Enrichment activities; and
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13	(3)	Supervised recreational activities,
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15	that extend beyond basic custodial care; and	
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17	WHER	EAS, among other things, the A+ Program:
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19	(1)	Offers a stimulating and caring environment for
20		students;
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22	(2)	Reinforces and expands students' learning experiences
23 24	(3)	Enhances the relationship between home and school to
25	(5)	meet students' needs collaboratively;
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27	(4)	Improves students' level of physical fitness; and
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29	(5)	Makes better use of school facilities;
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WHEREAS, the A+ Program is an important and integral component in helping students achieve their educational goals and reach their potential; now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, that the Department of Education (DOE) is requested to develop a plan to increase academic services to students in the A+ Program; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the academic services include:

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(1) Tutoring for specific academic subjects;

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

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(3) Training in test-taking skills; and

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21 22 (4) Other services in addition to the homework-assistance services, enrichment activities, and supervised recreational activities currently offered by the A+ Program;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DOE is requested to submit the plan to the Legislature at least 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2008; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Board of Education, and the Superintendent of Education.

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