
SENATE 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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33 (4) Improves students' level of physical fitness; and
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35 (5) Makes better use of school facilities; and



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2 WHEREAS, the A+ Program is an important and integral
3 component in helping students achieve their educational goals
4 and reach their potential; and
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6 WHEREAS, service providers for the A+ Program and other
7 service providers are capable of offering a wide range of
8 academic and extracurricular learning opportunities that support
9 and add to the offerings of the schools, especially in subjects
10 and activities that schools are unable to effectively offer
11 because of the No Child Left Behind Act; and
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13 WHEREAS, academic services and extracurricular activities
14 offered on school campuses during non-school hours can fill a
15 void for families already searching for opportunities to meet
16 their children's academic needs and interests, as well as offer
17 the convenience of not having to transport children from a
18 school to an after-school activity; now, therefore,
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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
21 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007,
22 that the Department of Education (DOE) is requested to develop a
23 plan to increase academic and extracurricular services to
24 students in the A+ Program and other on-site programs developed
25 and offered by A+ and other service providers; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the non-school hour services
28 include:
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- 30 (1) Tutoring for specific academic subjects;
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32 (2) Training in study skills, such as time management and
33 note-taking;
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35 (3) Training in test-taking skills;
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37 (4) Other services in addition to the homework-assistance
38 services, enrichment activities, and supervised
39 recreational activities currently offered by the A+
40 Program; and
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42 (5) Other academic offerings, including noncredit classes
43 in fine arts, performing arts, foreign language, and
44 physical education and extracurricular activities



1 sponsored by the A+ program and other service
2 providers; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a school's School Community
5 Council shall advise its principal who shall make the final
6 decision on whether to implement non-school hour programs beyond
7 what presently exists; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the DOE is requested to submit
10 the plan to the Legislature at least twenty days prior to the
11 convening of the Regular Session of 2008; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
14 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Chair of the
15 Board of Education, and the Superintendent of Education.

