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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that many children are  
2 left unsupervised in the mornings and afternoons before and  
3 after school. Nationally, nearly two-thirds of school-age  
4 children are in homes where both parents work, but few  
5 communities have a comprehensive system that provides before-  
6 and after-school care for children. Currently, Hawaii has a  
7 successful A+ program for students in grades K-6, but does not  
8 have a similar program for older children who also need adult  
9 supervision. Statistics show that the rates of juvenile crime,  
10 drug use, and experimentation with tobacco, alcohol, and sex  
11 increase among unsupervised older children during non-school  
12 hours.

13           The legislature further finds that there is widespread  
14 agreement that it is important to establish safe and structured  
15 learning environments for school-age children during non-school  
16 hours.



1           The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for non-  
2 school hour programs for school-age children.

3           SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                   or so  
5 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for  
6 non-school hour programs for kindergarten through twelfth grades  
7 for the department of education.

8           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
9 education for the purposes of this section.

10          SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                   or so  
12 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for  
13 the office of youth services for non-school hour programs for  
14 children and youth enrolled in school.

15          The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
16 human services for the purposes of this section.

17          SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                   or so  
19 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for  
20 non-school hour programs for children and youth enrolled in  
21 school.



1           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
2 parks and recreation of each county, subject to the following  
3 allocation percentages, which are based on the number of  
4 children eighteen years of age or younger residing in each  
5 county; provided that no funds shall be disbursed unless each  
6 county provides matching funds on a dollar-for-dollar basis:

- 7           (1) Seventy-one per cent, city and county of Honolulu;
- 8           (2) Thirteen per cent, county of Hawaii;
- 9           (3) Eleven per cent, county of Maui; and
- 10          (4) Five per cent, county of Kauai.

11           SECTION 5. Moneys allocated for the purposes of this Act  
12 shall not reduce existing funding for non-school hour programs.  
13 Moneys shall be awarded by the expending agencies only to non-  
14 school hour programs that demonstrate a commitment to partnering  
15 with the public and private sectors and involve youth as active  
16 participants in all phases of program planning, implementation,  
17 and evaluation. All programs that receive those moneys shall  
18 meet each quarter with their community partners for the purposes  
19 of program evaluation and improvement.

20           SECTION 6. The department of education, the office of  
21 youth services, and the counties' parks and recreation  
22 departments shall convene annually to share information on the



1 best practices and outcomes of non-school hour programs. The  
2 office youth services shall submit to the legislature an annual  
3 report on the programs funded under this Act no later than  
4 twenty days prior to the convening of each regular session,  
5 beginning with the regular session of 2009.

6 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.

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Non-School Hour Programs; Appropriations

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to non-school hour programs for youth enrolled in school.

