

JAN 17 2008

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The federal Individuals with Disabilities
2 Education Improvement Act provides that children with
3 disabilities are entitled to receive a free and appropriate
4 public education. To the extent possible, children with special
5 needs are to be provided with the same educational experiences
6 as their non-disabled peers, and states are held accountable for
7 ensuring that all children are afforded the opportunity to
8 learn.

9 Section 619 of Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities
10 Education Improvement Act implements the earlier landmark Public
11 Law 94-142, known as the Individuals with Disabilities Education
12 Act, which ensures a free and appropriate public education for
13 individuals with disabilities that may include special education
14 and related services in the least restrictive environment for
15 children three years and one day up to five years of age with
16 disabilities. Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities
17 Education Improvement Act directs states to provide early



1 intervention services in the child's natural environment, which
2 may include the child's home or other locations with the child's
3 typically developing peers. Those early intervention services,
4 for infants and toddlers with disabilities from birth to age
5 three, and their families, may include information and support
6 to parents to increase their knowledge about and ability to
7 support their child's development.

8 Because of the complexity of the transition process for
9 children from being a toddler or infant to being a preschool
10 child, some eligible children may benefit from a longer
11 transition period and continued services in the child's natural
12 environment.

13 The purpose of this Act is to provide funding for special
14 education and early intervention services provided by the
15 private sector or public programs other than the department of
16 education.

17 SECTION 2. 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 special education and early intervention services for children
21 with disabilities provided by private sector or county programs.



1 The funds shall be expended as grants-in-aid to the various
2 counties.

3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
4 education for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.

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Report Title:

Special Education and Early Intervention Services; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for special education and early intervention services provided by private sector or county programs through a grant pursuant to chapter 42F, HRS.

