
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 302A-101, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending the definition of "exceptional children" to
3 read as follows:

4 "Exceptional children" includes:

5 (1) Persons under twenty years of age who deviate from the
6 so-called normal person in physical, mental, social,
7 or emotional characteristics or abilities to such an
8 extent that specialized training, techniques, and
9 equipment are required to enable these persons to
10 attain the maximum of their abilities or capacities;

11 ~~[provided that "exceptional children" shall not~~
12 ~~include "gifted and talented children";]~~

13 (2) Persons under twenty years of age who by reason of
14 physical defects cannot attend the regular public
15 school classes with normal children; ~~and]~~

16 (3) Persons under twenty years of age who are certified by
17 a licensed physician eligible for membership in the
18 state medical society as being emotionally maladjusted



1 or intellectually incapable of profiting from ordinary
2 instructional methods[-]; and

3 (4) Gifted and talented children."

4 SECTION 2. Section 302A-444, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 "[+] §302A-444 [+] **Programs for gifted and talented**
7 **children.** The department [~~may~~] shall provide a statewide
8 flexible system of educational placement and programs within the
9 public school system that the department determines is
10 appropriate for meeting the unique educational needs of gifted
11 and talented children. The nature and scope of the department's
12 educational placement and programs shall be based on, but not be
13 limited to, the following factors:

- 14 (1) The availability of financial and physical resources
15 within the department;
- 16 (2) The nature of the child's gift or talent; and
- 17 (3) Whether the child's educational placement and program
18 should focus on, or be limited to, a particular area
19 of gift or talent, or whether the educational
20 placement and program should address other areas that
21 may be beneficial to the development of the child as a
22 whole."



1 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title:

Gifted and Talented Children; Exceptional Children

Description:

Amends definition of exceptional children to include gifted and talented children.

