
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The department of education continuously
2 reviews the implementation and effectiveness of student
3 performance standards to determine whether or not they should be
4 modified. Therefore, there is no longer any need for the
5 performance standards review commission, which was established
6 in Act 89, Session Laws of Hawaii 1996, to determine the
7 appropriate standards of achievement.

8 The purpose of this Act is to repeal the performance
9 standards review commission.

10 SECTION 2. Section 302A-201, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended to read as follows:

12 "**§302A-201 Statewide performance standards.** (a) The
13 board shall establish statewide performance standards and the
14 means to assess the standards based upon the recommendations in
15 the final report of the [~~performance standards commission~~]
16 commission for performance standards established pursuant to Act
17 334, Session Laws of Hawaii 1991; provided that the board may
18 review and modify the performance standards, as the board deems



1 necessary, to reflect the needs of public school students and
2 educational goals adopted by the board.

3 ~~[(b) The board shall appoint a performance standards~~
4 ~~review commission, to be convened at the beginning of the 1997-~~
5 ~~1998 school year, and every four years thereafter, to assess the~~
6 ~~effectiveness of the performance standards. The commission~~
7 ~~shall include representatives of the Hawaii State Parent,~~
8 ~~Teacher, Student Association, the Hawaii State Student Council,~~
9 ~~the superintendent, the dean of the college of education of the~~
10 ~~University of Hawaii, and the professional education community.~~
11 ~~The commission may request the assistance of such department or~~
12 ~~school staff as may be necessary to facilitate its review.~~

13 ~~(c) The commission shall review the implementation of the~~
14 ~~performance standards by the board and the schools to determine~~
15 ~~whether the standards should be modified. In making this~~
16 ~~determination, the commission shall seek public input by holding~~
17 ~~public forums to discuss the implementation and effectiveness of~~
18 ~~the performance standards. The commission shall submit a report~~
19 ~~of its findings and recommendations regarding the effectiveness~~
20 ~~of the standards and the need for modification of the standards~~
21 ~~to the board and the legislature prior to the convening of the~~



1 ~~1999 regular session. The board shall consider and implement~~
2 ~~the modifications beginning with the 1999-2000 school year.~~

3 ~~(d)]~~ (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the
4 department shall establish procedures and guidelines for, and
5 shall expand, its statewide assessment program to include norm-
6 referenced testing in the same grades as required by the federal
7 No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (Public Law 107-110) standards-
8 based assessment (grades 3 through 8 and one grade in high
9 school) in reading and math, using the most appropriate
10 nationally normed test."

11 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
12 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Education; Performance Standards Review Commission

Description:

Repeals the Performance Standards Review Commission. (HB180
HD1)

