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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOOLS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Scientists predict that the world is due for an
2 influenza pandemic – a global outbreak from a new strain of
3 influenza. The United States Department of Education is
4 collaborating with health experts and agencies across the
5 federal government to ensure that, in the case of pandemic flu,
6 operations and services will continue. State and local
7 preparedness will be crucial in preventing the spread of
8 disease. Because schools are centers of community life,
9 educators and administrators should work with local officials to
10 make planning for pandemic flu, or other pandemic, a priority.
11 Strategies and plans must be developed to assist in
12 disseminating health information, planning for staff and student
13 absences, and maintaining a learning environment.

14 The purpose of this Act is to provide for the public health
15 and safety by requiring every school to develop its own pandemic
16 preparedness plan and post the plan on the department of
17 education's website.



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§302A- School pandemic preparedness plan. (a) Each
5 school shall develop a pandemic preparedness plan that shall be
6 posted on the department's website.

7 (b) The plan shall include:

- 8 (1) Coordination with the community's pandemic
9 preparedness plan as well as the state department of
10 education and health's pandemic preparedness plans;
11 (2) Accountability and responsibility as well as resources
12 for key stakeholders engaged in planning and executing
13 specific components of the operational aspects of the
14 plan;
15 (3) Timelines, deliverables, and performance measures;
16 (4) Implementation of an exercise or drill to test the
17 pandemic preparedness plan and to revise it
18 periodically; and
19 (5) Requirements for students with special needs, low
20 income students who rely on the school food service
21 for daily meals, students in special facilities



1 including juvenile justice facilities, and students
2 who do not speak English as their first language."

3 SECTION 3. Chapter 302B, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
5 and to read as follows:

6 "§302B- School pandemic preparedness plan. (a) Each
7 charter school shall develop a pandemic preparedness plan that
8 shall be posted on the department's website.

9 (b) The plan shall include:

- 10 (1) Coordination with the community's pandemic
11 preparedness plan as well as the state department of
12 education and health's pandemic preparedness plans;
13 (2) Accountability and responsibility as well as resources
14 for key stakeholders engaged in planning and executing
15 specific components of the operational aspects of the
16 plan;
17 (3) Timelines, deliverables, and performance measures;
18 (4) Implementation of an exercise or drill to test the
19 pandemic preparedness plan and to revise it
20 periodically; and
21 (5) Requirements for students with special needs, low
22 income students who rely on the school food service



1 for daily meals, students in special facilities
2 including juvenile justice facilities, and students
3 who do not speak English as their first language."

4 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

School Pandemic Preparedness Plan; Department of Education

Description:

Requires each school to establish and post a pandemic preparedness plan on the department of education's website.

