
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is protect the health,
2 safety, and well-being of children following the occurrence of
3 situations that may have caused physical, psychological, or
4 emotional harm to children during a school activity. The intent
5 of the legislature is to ensure that when these situations
6 occur, school employees or administrators provide an appropriate
7 response that separates personnel and privacy issues from
8 adequate attention to the health, safety, and well-being of
9 children.

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

13 "§302A- Potentially harmful situations. (a) After the
14 occurrence of a situation that may have caused physical,
15 psychological, or emotional harm to a child during a school
16 activity, the appropriate teachers, educational officers, and
17 school administrators shall:



1 (1) Carefully consider the health, safety, and well-being
2 of any child involved in the situation in addition to
3 other considerations, including personnel matters; and
4 (2) Provide as much information as an appropriate school
5 authority deems necessary to parents, guardians,
6 children, and staff, as appropriate, to prevent or
7 mitigate harm to the child or children as a result of
8 the situation.

9 (b) The department shall provide training to all teachers,
10 educational officers, and school administrators on the proper
11 procedures under applicable laws and department rules and
12 regulations for communicating the information deemed necessary
13 pursuant to subsection (a)."

14 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

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Report Title:

Schools; Potentially Harmful Situations

Description:

Protects the health, safety, and well-being of children following the occurrence of a situation that may have caused physical, psychological, or emotional harm to children during a school activity. Takes effect 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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