
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. In 1988, the legislature initiated the Parent
2 Education Demonstration Project, later renamed Families for
3 R.E.A.L., in response to a community vision of healthy children
4 and families and the overwhelming research indicating that
5 parents are their children's first and most important teachers
6 and that the years between birth and five years are the most
7 significant in a child's development.

8 Families for R.E.A.L. is a school-based teacher training
9 and child development program of courses and activities for
10 parents. Parents participate in courses that are age-
11 appropriate for their children once a week for eight weeks to
12 gain and share information and skills. The courses are offered
13 at least three times a year for parents with their infants and
14 young children, and for pregnant teens. In addition to the
15 program's regular courses, special interest classes are offered
16 on such topics as stress management, nutrition, and sibling
17 rivalry.



1 The purpose of this Act is to support the Families for
2 R.E.A.L. program by:

3 (1) Requiring the program to develop a plan for alternate
4 sources of revenue; and

5 (2) Appropriating moneys for the program for the current
6 fiscal biennium.

7 SECTION 2. The Families for R.E.A.L. program shall develop
8 a plan to cover per cent of its program costs beginning
9 on July 1, 2013, through fees, grants, private donations, and
10 other sources of income. The plan shall also include a strategy
11 for the Families for R.E.A.L. program to transition into a
12 greater statewide role to provide resources to train parents of
13 young children, train school personnel who work with parents of
14 young children, and make resource materials available to
15 families statewide.

16 The Families for R.E.A.L. program shall report its plan to
17 the legislature and the governor no later than twenty days prior
18 to the convening of the regular session of 2012; provided that,
19 beginning July 1, 2013, any appropriation for the Families for
20 R.E.A.L. program shall require matching private funds at a ratio
21 of per cent in public moneys to per cent in
22 private funds.



1 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 and the
4 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
5 2012-2013 for the Families for R.E.A.L. program and professional
6 and curriculum development in parent involvement for the
7 department of education and the early learning council.

8 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
9 of education for the purposes of this Act.

10 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2030.



Report Title:

Education; Families for R.E.A.L.; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for the Families for R.E.A.L. program and professional and curriculum development in parent involvement for Department of Education and the early learning council. Requires the program to develop a plan to cover a percentage of the program costs, beginning July 1, 2013. Requires a report to the legislature and governor by 2012. Effective July 1, 2030. (SB289 HD1)

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