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# 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 named "Families for  
3 R.E.A.L.", in response to a community vision of healthy children  
4 and families and the overwhelming research that parents are  
5 their children's first and most important teachers and that the  
6 years between birth and five years are the most significant in a  
7 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 the age-appropriate courses  
11 once a week for eight weeks to gain and share information and  
12 skills. The courses are offered at least three times a year for  
13 parents with their infants and young children, and for pregnant  
14 teens. In addition to the program's regular courses, special  
15 interest classes are offered on such topics as stress  
16 management, nutrition, and siblings and rivalry.

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



- 1           (1) Requiring the program to develop a plan for alternate  
2                   sources of revenue; and
- 3           (2) Appropriating moneys for the program for the current  
4                   biennium.

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

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

21           SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
22 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$300,000 or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 and the  
2 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
3 2012-2013 for the Families for R.E.A.L. program and professional  
4 and curriculum development in parent involvement for the  
5 department of education and the early learning council.

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

8 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.

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**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 the department of education and the early learning council. Requires the program to develop a plan to cover twenty-five per cent of the program costs through fees, grants, and private donations, beginning July 1, 2013. Requires a report to the legislature and governor by 2012. (SD1)

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