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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. The legislature finds that earning a high
2 school diploma is an essential step for young people to become
3 productive members of Hawaii's communities. Children who drop
4 out of school or are expelled are unlikely to return to school
5 on their own, so it is essential that these at-risk youth are
6 presented with opportunities that will help them finish their
7 high school education.

8 The legislature further finds that the Hawaii National
9 Guard Youth Challenge Academy is a good option for young people
10 to complete their high school career. The Academy's program is
11 comprised of a twenty-two week residential phase, followed by a
12 year-long mentoring relationship with a specially trained member
13 from each youth's community. The program's goal is to produce
14 graduates that have the values, life skills, education, and
15 self-discipline necessary to succeed as productive citizens.

16 The purpose of this Act is to assist the Hawaii National
17 Guard Youth Challenge Academy in reaching out to at-risk youth
18 by requiring the department of education to provide the Academy



1 with the names, addresses, and dates of attendance of students
2 who have dropped out of high school.

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

6 "§302A- Provision of student information to Hawaii
7 National Guard Youth Challenge Academy. (a) Except as provided
8 in subsections (b) and (c), on or before January 15 and July 15
9 of each year, the department shall submit to the director of the
10 Hawaii National Guard Youth Challenge Academy a report
11 containing the name, last known address, and dates of attendance
12 of any student who:

- 13 (1) Is at least sixteen years of age but less than
14 eighteen years of age;
15 (2) Was enrolled but is no longer enrolled in a school in
16 the State;
17 (3) Has not provided school transfer or graduation
18 information to the school that the student most
19 recently attended; and
20 (4) Has not received a high school diploma or general
21 educational development certificate.



1 (b) Prior to submitting a student's information to the
2 Hawaii National Guard Youth Challenge Academy pursuant to
3 subsection (a), the department shall provide written notice of
4 the disclosure to the parent or guardian of the student if the
5 student is less than eighteen years of age; provided that the
6 parent or guardian, if the student is less than eighteen years
7 of age, shall have not less than thirty days to object to the
8 disclosure.

9 (c) The report submitted by the department pursuant to
10 subsection (a) shall not include the information of any student
11 who is:

12 (1) Receiving medical care or treatment that prohibits
13 school attendance;

14 (2) Enrolled in a foreign exchange program;

15 (3) Enrolled in an early admissions college program;

16 (4) Participating in a job corps program, an adult basic
17 education program, or an accredited apprenticeship
18 program; or

19 (5) Excused from school for a reason determined to be
20 acceptable by the department.

21 (d) The director of the Hawaii National Guard Youth
22 Challenge Academy shall certify in writing to the department




1 that the information provided pursuant to this section will not
2 be disclosed to any other party except as necessary to recruit
3 and retain students."

4 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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INTRODUCED BY: _____



S.B. NO. 2154

Report Title:

DOE; Hawaii National Guard Youth Challenge Academy

Description:

Requires the DOE to provide the Hawaii National Guard Youth Challenge Academy with the names, addresses, and dates of attendance of students who have dropped out of high school.

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