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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. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding three new sections to subpart B of part II to  
3 be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

4           "§302A-       Student-to-teacher ratios; established.   (a)

5       Each public school shall maintain a student-to-teacher ratio  
6       between thirteen to seventeen students per teacher for every  
7       grade level from kindergarten to the eighth grade.

8           (b) The student-to-teacher ratios of each public school  
9       shall be posted on the website of the department.

10          §302A-       Classroom composition; heterogeneity.   The  
11       department shall provide a statewide flexible system of  
12       educational placement and programs within the public school  
13       system that the department determines is necessary to achieve  
14       heterogeneity with regard to scholastic aptitude in the  
15       composition of each class in a public school.

16          §302A-       Textbooks; instruction.   The department shall  
17       not use any textbook for classroom instruction that was  
18       published more than two years prior to the school year."



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding three new sections to subpart C of part II to  
3 be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

4 "§302A- AVID; expansion. (a) The department shall  
5 implement the Advancement via Individual Determination (AVID)  
6 program in all grade levels of public schools to enable students  
7 in the lower eightieth percentile academically to achieve  
8 international competitiveness.

9 (b) The AVID program shall:

- 10 (1) Identify challenge areas for each student;  
11 (2) Assist and mentor each student in overcoming those  
12 challenges;  
13 (3) Follow up with each student on the student's  
14 assignments to ensure their completion; and  
15 (4) Assist each student, through direct tutorial  
16 assistance or otherwise, in subject matter areas for  
17 which the student falls below a proficiency rating of  
18 eighty per cent.

19 (c) Except for students who rank in the academic top  
20 twenty per cent of each class, every student in a public school  
21 shall attend one classroom period per day devoted to the AVID  
22 program.



1        §302A- Internet access. The department shall provide  
2 high-speed internet access in each classroom to supplement  
3 curriculum and instruction.

4        §302A- Community involvement. Each public school shall  
5 seek community involvement to increase student performance  
6 outcomes."

7        SECTION 3. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
8 amended by adding two new sections to subpart B of part IV to be  
9 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

10        "§302A- Department website; mandatory information. (a)  
11 The department shall maintain on its public website the  
12 following information on each public school:

13        (1) The nature of community involvement at each public  
14 school;

15        (2) The allocation of federal and state funds at each  
16 public school;

17        (3) A description or organizational chart of the  
18 administrative structure of each public school within  
19 the department of education;

20        (4) An explanation of the test results of any public  
21 school or any other information about that school that



1 appears on the department's website, when requested by  
2 the principal of another public school;

3 (5) The student-to-teacher ratios of each public school;

4 (6) Aggregated students' test results in reading, writing,  
5 mathematics, and science for each public school;

6 (7) The school's approach to achieving international  
7 competitiveness; and

8 (8) The department's evaluation of each public school with  
9 regard to that public school's success rate in  
10 achieving international competitiveness including any  
11 obstacles; provided that a public school's success  
12 rate shall be deemed to be the rate of change of  
13 student performance with regard to achieving  
14 international competitiveness.

15 (b) The department shall also maintain on its public  
16 website at least the following on the public school system:

17 (1) Teacher support practices by school districts,  
18 including teacher development, teacher assessment,  
19 teacher training, teaching models, instructional  
20 materials, and other tools and techniques to assist  
21 teachers at improving student performance outcomes;



- 1        (2) A brief but adequate description from the department  
2                    administration of curriculum frameworks based upon the  
3                    most up-to-date techniques on how students learn; and  
4        (3) Teacher-parent communication activities and crucial  
5                    support services from governmental and non-  
6                    governmental entities.

7        §302A- External assistance. The department shall  
8        assign accredited external assistance, as determined by the  
9        department, to any public school that does not show improvement  
10       in two consecutive years at increasing student performance  
11       outcomes in achieving international competitiveness."

12       SECTION 4. Section 302A-101, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
13       amended by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted  
14       and to read as follows:

15       "International competitiveness" means that seventy-five  
16       per cent of students in the public schools perform on par on  
17       standardized examinations with students in the ten countries  
18       with the highest scores in reading, writing, mathematics, and  
19       science."

20       SECTION 5. Section 302A-201, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
21       amended to read as follows:



1           "**§302A-201 Statewide performance standards.** (a) The  
2 board shall establish statewide performance standards and the  
3 means to assess the standards based upon the recommendations in  
4 the final report of the performance standards commission  
5 established pursuant to Act 334, Session Laws of Hawaii 1991;  
6 provided that the board may review and modify the performance  
7 standards, as the board deems necessary, to reflect the needs of  
8 public school students and educational goals adopted by the  
9 board.

10           (b) The board shall expand statewide performance standards  
11 to enable students to achieve international competitiveness  
12 under a schedule of progress to be determined by the board;  
13 provided that students in the public schools shall achieve  
14 international competitiveness within seven years of the  
15 effective date of Act           , Session Laws of Hawaii 2013; and  
16 provided further that no well-defined group of students in the  
17 public schools, as determined by the board, shall perform at  
18 levels below one standard deviation of mean of all students.

19           (c) Every public school shall administer tests in an  
20 electronic format for the core courses of reading, writing,  
21 mathematics, and science to track student progress towards  
22 achieving international competitiveness."



1 SECTION 6. Section 302A-624, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) The salary schedule for all teachers of the  
4 department shall be negotiated pursuant to section 89-9[-];  
5 provided that the starting salaries of teachers shall be based  
6 upon levels of educational attainment; and provided further that  
7 the starting salaries of teachers at schools whose students do  
8 not meet statewide performance standards may be set at a higher  
9 level than the starting salaries of teachers at schools whose  
10 students meet statewide performance standards."

11 SECTION 7. Section 302A-1128, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
12 amended to read as follows:

13 "**§302A-1128 Department powers and duties.** The department  
14 shall have entire charge and control and be responsible for the  
15 conduct of all affairs pertaining to public instruction in the  
16 public schools the department establishes and operates,  
17 including operating and maintaining the capital improvement and  
18 repair and maintenance programs for department and school  
19 facilities[-], and conducting unannounced, random site visits at  
20 each public school to inspect the school's financial  
21 administration and operations. The department may establish and  
22 maintain schools for secular instruction at such places and for

1 such terms as in its discretion it may deem advisable and the  
2 funds at its disposal may permit. The schools may include high  
3 schools, kindergarten schools, schools or classes for early  
4 education, boarding schools, Hawaiian language medium education  
5 schools, and evening and day schools. The department may also  
6 maintain classes for technical and other instruction in any  
7 school where there may not be pupils sufficient in number to  
8 justify the establishment of separate schools for these  
9 purposes."

10 SECTION 8. There is appropriated out of the general  
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
12 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 and  
13 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
14 year 2014-2015 for additional funding for each public school to  
15 increase community involvement.

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

18 SECTION 9. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
19 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

20 SECTION 10. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015,  
21 and shall apply beginning with the 2015-2016 school year;  
22 provided that Section 8 shall take effect on July 1, 2013.





**Report Title:**

Education; Reform; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes student-teacher ratios, incorporates the Advancement via Individual Determination program into Department of Education curriculum, requires specified information on the Department of Education's website, and establishes student performance standards. Appropriates funds. (HB1453 HD1)

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