
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that in the United
2 States, more than one-fourth of school-age children are left
3 alone and unsupervised during after-school hours. The majority
4 of these children are elementary- and intermediate-school
5 students, at a time in life when various types of temptations
6 surround them.

7 The legislature further finds that to counter such problems
8 at the elementary-school level in Hawaii, the afterschool plus
9 (A+) program was created in 1990 to provide an avenue to keep
10 elementary-school students in a safe and nurturing environment--
11 from the time the school day ends until the time that these
12 children are picked up by their families. Moreover, the
13 legislature finds that the A+ program has been operating
14 successfully for the past decade, with more than 18,000
15 elementary-school students enrolled in A+ programs in more than
16 one hundred eighty elementary schools statewide. Approximately
17 two-thirds of A+ program sites are managed by independent



1 contractors, such as the YMCA and Kamaaina Kids, and one-third
2 are managed by department of education personnel.

3 The legislature further finds that for the past decade, an
4 evidence-based physical-activity and nutritional-education
5 program called "fun 5" has been operating successfully in nearly
6 all of these locations as an integral part of the A+ program.
7 The fun 5 program provides training for all A+ program group
8 leaders (i.e., those who work directly with the children),
9 supplies manuals and playground equipment, and provides hands-on
10 instruction for physically active games and nutritional
11 enlightenment.

12 In addition, the legislature finds that the fun 5 program,
13 which for many of its participants is the only organized
14 physical activity that they experience in a day, has shown
15 positive results in boosting the children's level of physical
16 activity, reducing their rate of obesity, and increasing their
17 consumption of fruits and vegetables. These achievements are
18 accomplished through a hands-on and enjoyable program that
19 promotes five servings of fruits and vegetables per day and at
20 least thirty minutes of active physical exercise five days per
21 week.



1 The legislature further finds that the kind of physical and
2 nutritional activities that exist in the fun 5 program are and
3 should be an integral part of the A+ program. However, since
4 the establishment of the fun 5 program a decade ago, nearly all
5 funding for the fun 5 program has come from private donations, a
6 situation which has become significantly more difficult to
7 maintain and which has substantially diminished the potential
8 impact of the program.

9 The legislature further finds that the overall cost of
10 operating the fun 5 program averages approximately \$1 per child
11 per month, which covers the training activities and equipment-
12 replenishment requirements for after-school activities--but not
13 the data collection necessary to sustain the program. Given the
14 vital importance of physical activity and healthy eating to
15 optimal childhood development and obesity prevention, the
16 legislature believes that it is essential that funding for the
17 fun 5 program be institutionalized within the budget of the A+
18 program itself.

19 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to:

20 (1) Statutorily establish the fun 5 program within the A+
21 program, including:



- 1 (A) Ensuring its continued availability on a
- 2 statewide basis; and
- 3 (B) Continuing to measure its effectiveness in
- 4 providing an avenue for physical activity and
- 5 nutritional education; and
- 6 (2) Appropriate funds to support the fun 5 program.

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

10 "§302A- After-school plus program; fun 5 program;
11 funding. (a) There shall be established within the after-
12 school plus program, hereinafter the A+ program, a component
13 pertaining to physical activity and nutrition, to be known as
14 the fun 5 program. The fun 5 program shall provide regular
15 physical exercise and nutritional education in a manner that
16 promotes active participation as an integral part of the A+
17 program and that meets the State's goals for a healthy diet and
18 adequate exercise.

19 (b) Funding for the basic fun 5 program activities of
20 training, equipment replenishment, and data collection shall be
21 included within the A+ program budget and shall include:



- 1 (1) Support for training of all A+ program coordinators
- 2 and group leaders;
- 3 (2) Necessary playground equipment and nutritional tools;
- 4 (3) Collection of data for the fun 5 program; and
- 5 (4) Periodic evaluation of the effectiveness of the fun 5
- 6 program.

7 (c) The organization and management of training, data
8 collection and management, and equipment replenishment for the
9 fun 5 program shall be carried out by an independently-
10 contracted, private entity, under the supervision of the
11 department.

12 (d) The department may establish within the A+ program
13 participation fees in an amount sufficient to maintain the fun 5
14 program in all elementary schools operated by the department.

15 (e) The independently-contracted private entity under
16 subsection (c), in conjunction with the department, may seek
17 funds from other public and private sources to supplement the
18 costs of managing, expanding, and improving the fun 5 program.

19 (f) The department may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91
20 to implement this section."

21 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
22 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$400,000 or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the
2 fun 5 program within the afterschool plus program of the
3 department of education for the purposes of this Act.

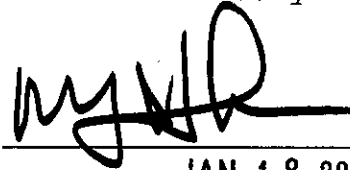
4 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
5 education for the purposes of this Act.

6 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

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Report Title:

Afterschool Programs; Elementary-school Students; Fun 5 Program; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes and funds the Fun 5 Program within the A+ Program in Hawaii's public elementary schools. Appropriation. Effective July 1, 2014.

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