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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 a new section to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4           "§302A- Sex trafficking prevention education. (a) The  
5 department shall offer voluntary training for teachers and  
6 educational officers on sex trafficking prevention, including:

7           (1) Strategies for preventing the sex trafficking of  
8           children; and

9           (2) Identifying victims of sex trafficking.

10           (b) Beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, each middle,  
11 intermediate, and high school operated by the department shall  
12 provide to students sex trafficking prevention education, the  
13 content of which shall include but not be limited to:

14           (1) Methods used to lure children into sex trafficking;

15           (2) Identifying victims of sex trafficking;

16           (3) Effects of sex trafficking on a victim's social,  
17 mental, and physical health;



- 1        (4) Strategies to assist in the prevention of the sex  
2        trafficking of children; and
- 3        (5) Resource information for victims of sex trafficking.
- 4        (c) Sex trafficking prevention education shall be:
- 5        (1) Age appropriate;
- 6        (2) Aligned with the department's standards, state content  
7        and performance standards, and general learner  
8        outcomes for grades six through twelve;
- 9        (3) Evidence-based and medically accurate;
- 10       (4) Culturally sensitive;
- 11       (5) Adaptable for special education students and students  
12       with limited proficiency in the English language; and
- 13       (6) Coordinated with other agencies to provide services to  
14       students who have been identified as victims of sex  
15       trafficking or at risk of victimization for sex  
16       trafficking.
- 17       (d) At their own discretion, teachers may answer in good  
18       faith any question initiated by a student that is reasonably  
19       related to and consistent with the content of sex trafficking  
20       prevention education.



1       (e) Parents or legal guardians of students in middle,  
2 intermediate, or high school may choose not to allow their  
3 children to participate in sex trafficking prevention education.

4       (f) Sex trafficking prevention education shall not  
5 discriminate on the basis of sex, race, ethnicity, national  
6 origin, religion, disability, sexual orientation, or gender  
7 identity.

8       (g) The department may contract with any state or county  
9 department or agency, any victim services provider, or any other  
10 expert in the field of sex trafficking prevention to implement  
11 this section.

12       (h) As used in this section:

13       "Age appropriate" means suitable to a particular age or age  
14 group based on developing cognitive, emotional, and behavioral  
15 capacity typical for that age or age group.

16       "Medically accurate" means verified or supported by  
17 research conducted in compliance with accepted scientific  
18 methods and recognized as accurate and objective by professional  
19 organizations and agencies with expertise in the relevant field,  
20 such as the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,  
21 the American Public Health Association, the American Academy of



1 Pediatrics, and the American College of Obstetricians and  
2 Gynecologists.

3 "Sex trafficking prevention education" means prevention  
4 education in any medium regarding any of the acts described in  
5 part I of chapter 712.

6 "Victim services provider" means any non-governmental  
7 organization that provides social, medical, mental-health,  
8 legal, case-management, or housing services to victims of sex  
9 trafficking."

10 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Sex Trafficking Prevention Education

**Description:**

Requires the Department of Education to provide sex trafficking prevention education.

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