
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DISASTER RELIEF.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 37-41.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 **"§37-41.5 Department of education; carryover of funds.**

4 (a) The department of education may retain up to five per cent
5 of any appropriation, except for appropriations to fund
6 financing agreements entered into in accordance with chapter
7 37D, at the close of a fiscal year and the funds retained shall
8 not lapse until June 30 of the first fiscal year of the next
9 fiscal biennium. The department of education shall submit:

10 (1) A report to the director of finance ninety days after
11 the close of each fiscal year, which shall be prepared
12 in the form prescribed by the director of finance and
13 shall identify the total amount of funds that will
14 carry over to the next fiscal year; and

15 (2) A copy of this report to the legislature, as well as a
16 report identifying the carryover of funds on a school-
17 by-school basis, at least twenty days prior to the



1 convening of the next regular session of the
2 legislature.

3 (b) Appropriations allocated to the schools shall remain
4 within the budget of the school to which they were originally
5 allocated; provided that the retention of an appropriation shall
6 not be used by the department as a basis for reducing a school's
7 future budget requirements.

8 (c) In addition to the five per cent retainage under
9 subsection (a), the department of education may retain any
10 appropriation received pursuant to section 127A-16(a) or as
11 reimbursement for disaster relief pursuant to section 127A-16(d)
12 at the close of the fiscal year in which the reimbursement was
13 received and the funds retained shall not lapse until June 30 of
14 the first fiscal year of the next fiscal biennium. Such funds
15 shall be considered as separate and distinct from the funds the
16 department of education is authorized to retain pursuant to
17 subsection (a)."

18 SECTION 2. Section 127A-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
19 amended to read as follows:

20 "**§127A-16 Major disaster fund.** (a) The director shall
21 submit requests to the legislature to appropriate from the



1 general revenues of the State sufficient moneys as may be
2 necessary for expenditure by or under the direction of the
3 governor for immediate relief in response to an emergency or
4 disaster in any part of the State; provided that:

5 (1) The governor has issued a proclamation of a state of
6 emergency;

7 (2) The governor may not expend in excess of \$5,000,000
8 for immediate relief as a result of any single
9 emergency or disaster; and

10 (3) In addition to the funds in paragraph (2), an
11 additional \$5,000,000 may be made available solely for
12 the purpose of matching federal disaster relief funds
13 when these funds become available to the State
14 following a presidential disaster declaration.

15 In expending the moneys, the governor may allot any portion
16 thereof to any agency, office, or employee of the State or a
17 county for the most efficient relief for the population.

18 Notwithstanding this subsection, the only exception to
19 paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) is that the director may use up to
20 \$100,000 per year to support emergency reserve corps training.



1 (b) No later than one month after any allotment by the
2 governor or the expenditure of any fund moneys, the director
3 shall report to the legislature on the purpose of the allotment
4 or expenditure.

5 (c) ~~[Federal]~~ Except as provided in subsection (d),
6 federal reimbursement moneys for disaster relief shall be deemed
7 to be trust moneys and may be deposited into a trust account
8 with and under the control of the department of defense. These
9 moneys and any interest earned thereon shall be used for the
10 purpose identified in subsection (a) and shall not lapse to the
11 general fund.

12 (d) Where the department of education expends its funds
13 appropriated to the department for purposes deemed to be
14 reimbursable by federal reimbursement moneys for disaster
15 relief, the federal reimbursement moneys shall not lapse to the
16 general fund and shall be credited directly to the department of
17 education without regard to whether the original appropriation
18 has lapsed. Such funds shall carryover in accordance with
19 section 37-41.5(c)."

20 SECTION 3. If any part of this Act is found to be in
21 conflict with federal requirements that are a prescribed



1 condition for the allocation of federal funds to the State, the
2 conflicting part of this Act is inoperative solely to the extent
3 of the conflict and with respect to the agencies affected, and
4 this finding does not affect the operation of the remainder of
5 this Act in its application to the agencies concerned. The
6 rules under this Act shall meet federal requirements that are a
7 necessary condition to the receipt of federal funds by the
8 State.

9 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
10 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

Disaster Relief; DOE; Reimbursement; Carryover Funds

Description:

Allows, in cases where the Department of Education directly expends its own funds for disaster relief to be directly credited with any federal disaster relief reimbursement. Clarifies that the Department of Education may carry over funds received as disaster relief appropriation or reimbursement.
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