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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ONLINE EARLY 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 part II, subpart C, to be  
3 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

4           "§302A-       Online early learning program. (a) There is  
5 established within the department of education the online early  
6 learning program to provide children who are four years of age  
7 with access to online early learning content.

8           (b) The department shall contract the services of an  
9 online early learning service provider using competitive sealed  
10 bidding pursuant to section 103D-302; provided that the service  
11 provider shall be:

12           (1) A nonprofit corporation subject to section 501(c)(3)  
13 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; and

14           (2) Able to demonstrate a history of successful online  
15 early learning programs, as verified by independent,  
16 valid, and reliable evaluations.



1        (c) The department shall require the service provider to  
2 submit a quarterly report to the board of education containing  
3 the following:

4        (1) The number of families volunteering to participate in  
5 the program;

6        (2) The number of families selected to participate in the  
7 program;

8        (3) The number of families requesting a computer or home  
9 internet service;

10       (4) The number of families that are provided a computer or  
11 home internet service;

12       (5) The participating families' frequency of using the  
13 instructional software provided by the program;

14       (6) Parental feedback on the program; and

15       (7) Student performance on prekindergarten and  
16 kindergarten readiness assessment.

17       (d) For the purposes of this Act, "online early learning  
18 program" means a program that meets all of the following  
19 criteria:



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- 1        (1) Is designed to improve a child's transition into
- 2                    elementary education and contains content in reading,
- 3                    math, and science;
- 4        (2) Is aligned with nationally recognized early learning
- 5                    standards;
- 6        (3) Is provided in the student's home and consists of at
- 7                    least forty-five instructional hours;
- 8        (4) Provides for installing a computer or home internet
- 9                    service, or both, for low-income families
- 10                   participating in the project that do not have a
- 11                   computer or home internet service;
- 12        (5) Includes a parental engagement and involvement
- 13                   component, with support models provided in English,
- 14                   Hawaiian, and other languages as needed; and
- 15        (6) Includes an evaluation component that measures a
- 16                   student's growth over the course of the program."

17        SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
 18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so much  
 19 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the  
 20 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year



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1 2020-2021 for the department of education to establish an online  
2 early learning program for children who are four years of age.

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

5 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

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**Report Title:**

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**Description:**

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