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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. The legislature finds that a gap exists between  
2 the skills that students in the State have upon graduation and  
3 the skills that employers in the State are seeking. Business  
4 leaders in Hawaii's expanding industries report that it is often  
5 difficult to recruit local applicants who have necessary skills  
6 and experiences.

7           The legislature further finds that educational programs  
8 specializing in career readiness and technical skills can be  
9 effective in preparing students in Hawaii to enter the State's  
10 job market. Educational initiatives at schools within the State  
11 have been established to develop students' technical skills and  
12 prepare them to enter the workforce.

13           The purpose of this Act is to expand the number of students  
14 receiving career and technical skills education by allowing  
15 students to enroll in career and technical programs in schools  
16 outside of the service area in which they reside.



1 SECTION 2. 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- Career and technical education programs;

5 enrollment. (a) A school having a career and technical  
6 education program shall:

7 (1) Enroll any student who resides within the school's  
8 geographic service area pursuant to section 302A-1143;

9 (2) Enroll all students from outside the school's  
10 geographic service area who submit an application,  
11 unless the number of students who submit an  
12 application exceeds the capacity of a program, class,  
13 grade level, or building;

14 (3) Determine whether capacity is sufficient to enroll all  
15 students, and if not, then use a lottery system to  
16 select students described in paragraph (2) who have  
17 submitted a timely application; and

18 (4) Give an enrollment preference to students enrolled in  
19 the school during the previous school year.

20 (b) The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter  
21 91 to effectuate the purposes of this section.



1        (c) For the purpose of this section, "career and technical  
2 education program" means a program operated by a school that  
3 primarily focuses on learning and skill development in students  
4 through the practical application of academic and technical  
5 skills and knowledge."

6        SECTION 3. Section 302A-1143, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
7 amended to read as follows:

8        **"§302A-1143 Attending school in what service area. A**  
9 person of school age shall be required to attend the school of  
10 the service area, as determined by the department, in which the  
11 person resides, unless:

- 12        (1) The person is enrolled in a Hawaiian language medium  
13 education program or charter school;
- 14        (2) A geographic exception to attend a school in another  
15 service area is requested and granted at the  
16 discretion of the department; [~~or~~]
- 17        (3) Out-of-service-area attendance is mandated by the  
18 department or by federal law[~~-~~]; or
- 19        (4) The person is enrolled in a career and technical  
20 education program under section 302A- ."



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1 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.  
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**Report Title:**

DOE; Public Schools; Career and Technical Education Programs;  
Educational Choice

**Description:**

Allows students to enroll in career and technical education programs in schools outside the Department of Education service area in which the student resides.

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