
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 two new sections to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§302A- Emergency preparedness; safety and security. To
5 ensure the safety of students, teachers, and school staff:

6 (1) All classroom doors shall be retrofitted with an
7 interior lock by January 1, 2025;

8 (2) All classrooms and outside gathering spaces shall be
9 connected to a public address system that is
10 independent of the school's phone system by January 1,
11 2025;

12 (3) All schools shall be equipped with an emergency access
13 route which features more than one entrance and exit
14 by January 1, 2025;

15 (4) All schools shall employ an on-campus school resource
16 officer who is trained in mass shooting response and
17 de-escalation; and



1 (5) All classrooms and outside gathering spaces shall
2 feature functioning fire alarms with both an auditory
3 and visual component.

4 §302A- Emergency management plan; emergency

5 preparedness. (a) The department shall establish an emergency
6 management plan for all schools to prepare for and respond to an
7 emergency or disaster, as defined in section 127A-2. Emergency
8 management plans shall be updated on a yearly basis and shall
9 include:

10 (1) Mandatory emergency preparedness training for all
11 teachers, students, and school staff that includes:

12 (A) Annual training for all teachers and staff on
13 violence prevention, awareness, reporting, and
14 emergency response conducted in conjunction with
15 law enforcement and aligned with best practices;

16 (B) Annual, age-appropriate training for all students
17 on violence prevention, awareness, reporting, and
18 emergency response that is aligned with
19 established best practices;

20 (C) Teacher, staff, and student training on the
21 protocol for initiating an emergency response;



1 (D) Teacher, staff, and student training on a
2 standardized emergency response protocol; and

3 (E) Basic safety training such as first aid and
4 cardiopulmonary resuscitation for all teachers
5 and security personnel; and

6 (F) Parent and guardian access to relevant
7 information regarding emergency response plans;
8 and

9 (2) At least four emergency practice drills per year at
10 each school, some of which shall occur during
11 inopportune times of the school day such as recess or
12 during a school assembly, to address the following
13 emergency situations:

14 (A) Lock down;

15 (B) Fire;

16 (C) Severe weather; and

17 (D) Active shooter.

18 (b) Each school shall regularly test their public address
19 system and fire alarms, no less than once every three months.

20 (c) For the purpose of this section, "law enforcement
21 officer" means a sheriff, deputy sheriff, or police officer."



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1 SECTION 2. In accordance with section 9 of article VII, of
 2 the Constitution of the State of Hawaii and sections 37-91 and
 3 37-93, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined
 4 that the appropriation contained in this Act will cause the
 5 state general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025
 6 to be exceeded by \$, or per cent. The reasons for
 7 exceeding the general fund expenditure ceiling are that the
 8 appropriation made in this Act is necessary to serve the public
 9 interest and to meet the need provided for by this Act.

10 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
 11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
 12 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for the
 13 implementation of the emergency preparedness procedures and
 14 equipment outlined above.

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

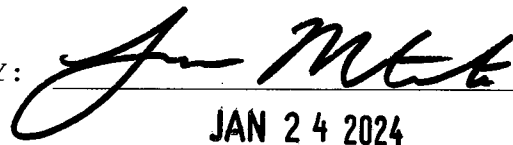
17 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

18 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

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Report Title:

Education; School Safety; Emergency Preparedness; Funds Exceeded

Description:

Requires the department of education equip all classroom doors with interior locks, maintain a public address system, feature an emergency access route, employ a student resource officer, and maintain fire alarms. Mandates the establishment of school emergency management plans. Requires schools conduct regular testing and emergency preparedness drills. Appropriates funds exceeding the ceiling.

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