

A Bill for an Act Relating to a Pilot Program to Provide Health Services at Public Schools.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Purpose and findings. The purpose of this Act is to initiate a pilot project to examine the effectiveness and feasibility of utilizing public health nurses assigned to certain high schools and working with health aides to provide school health services for grades kindergarten through twelve in the public schools. It is in the general welfare of the State to protect, preserve, care for, and improve the physical and mental health of Hawaii's children by making available at the public schools first aid and emergency care, preventive health care, and health center facilities. The legislature finds that: the provision of emergency care in the schools is in need of qualified personnel and facilities; there is a need for standardized health facilities throughout the public schools; there is a need for health appraisals and follow up; there is a desire for a team approach and technical supervision in providing health care at the public schools; and there is a need for inter-departmental agreement and cooperation in the development of qualified health personnel.

SECTION 2. School health services advisory committee. There is created a school health services advisory committee, consisting of eleven members, the purpose of which is to coordinate, guide, and evaluate a school health services pilot project utilizing public health nurses and health aides. The function of the committee shall be to provide coordination, guidance, and evaluation of the school health services pilot project and shall be dissolved when the project is completed. The committee shall consist of a representative from the following state and community organizations: the school health branch of the department of health; 2 representatives from the department of education; the public health nursing branch of the department of health; the department of personnel services; Hawaii State chapter, American Red Cross; and five community organizations specifically interested in school health services, such as, but not limited to, the Hawaii Medical Association, the Hawaii nurses association, the health and community services council, and the Hawaii congress of parent teachers associations. The members of the school health services advisory committee shall be appointed by the governor and shall serve without pay.

SECTION 3. School health services pilot project. The school health services pilot project shall be implemented at six public high schools and those intermediate and elementary schools which feed into each of these respective high schools. The high schools for the school health services pilot project shall reflect an urban, suburban, and rural community setting and shall be selected by the school health services advisory committee. The department of health shall provide public health nurses (RPN IV) with school health nursing qualifications and each public health nurse shall be placed at each of the six high schools selected by the school health services advisory committee. The department of health shall provide the necessary number of health aides in order to

place one health aide at each school within each of the high school complexes selected by the school health services advisory committee. Each health aide shall be hired on a contractual basis and shall be under the supervision of the public health nurse and shall be administratively responsible to the respective school principal. The department of health, school health branch, shall be responsible for the medical and nursing supervision for the school health services pilot project. The school health services pilot project shall not include any part of the health educational curriculum under the department of education in health education existing at the time of the enactment of this bill.

The school health services pilot project shall be administered by the department of education and the department of health through an interdepartmental agreement in cooperation with the school health services advisory committee. The school health services advisory committee shall report the progress, experience, and recommendations for the expansion, improvement, curtailment, or discontinuance of the school health services pilot project to the legislature before the convening of the Regular Session of 1971.

SECTION 4. Appropriation. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$300,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purposes of funding the school health services pilot project including any expenses incurred by the school health services advisory committee in carrying out its evaluation and reporting functions. Funds appropriated by this Act shall be expended by the director of health and shall lapse on June 30, 1971, if not encumbered or expended by that date; provided, however, that the department of health may include in its budget for the next following fiscal period such additional sums as may be necessary to continue the project.

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

(Approved June 19, 1970.)