

A Bill for an Act Relating to Compulsory Attendance at School.

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

SECTION 1. Section 298-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**“Section 298-9. Attendance Compulsory; Exceptions.** Unless excluded from school or excepted from attendance, all children who will have arrived at the age of at least six years, and who will not have arrived at the age of eighteen years, on or before December 31 of any school year, shall attend either a public or private school for and during such school year, and any parent, guardian, and other person having the responsibility for or care of a child whose attend-

ance at school is obligatory shall send the child to some such school. Such attendance shall not be compulsory in the following cases:

- (1) Where the child is physically or mentally unable to attend school (deafness and blindness excepted) of which fact the certificate of a duly licensed physician shall be sufficient evidence;
- (2) Where a competent person is employed as a tutor in the family wherein the child resides and proper instruction is thereby imparted as approved by the superintendent;
- (3) Where any child who has reached the fifteenth anniversary of birth is suitably employed and has been excused from school attendance by the school department or its authorized agents, the family court or the district magistrate;
- (4) Where, upon investigation by the family court, when feasible, or by the district magistrate, it has been shown that for any other reason the child may properly remain away from school; or
- (5) Where a child graduated from a high school or vocational school.”

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material underscored. In printing this Act the revisor of statutes need not include the brackets, the bracketed material, or the underscoring.\*

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1970.  
(Approved May 26, 1970.)

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\* Edited accordingly