

## ACT 257

H.B. NO. 3012

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Department of Health.

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

SECTION 1. Section 321-174, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

**“§321-174 Coordination of services with department of education.** The children’s mental health services team shall cooperate with the schools located in their particular geographic region in identifying and referring for treatment such children or youths in need of mental health services. In conjunction with the children’s mental health services team, the department of education and the department of health shall develop a memorandum of agreement which shall provide for a sharing of responsibilities for the affected agencies and shall include but not be limited to provisions for:

- (1) Accepting referrals from the school counselors and diagnostic teams for evaluation and direct treatment of children and youth suffering from mental and emotional disorders;
- (2) Providing consultation to enable teachers and other school personnel to aid in the identification and screening of children in need of professional mental health services and the services of psychologists, as defined in chapter 465;
- (3) Providing training and education about emotional disturbances of children to teachers, school counselors, and parents;
- (4) Assisting the department of education with mental health services and the services of psychologists, as defined in chapter 465 for handicapped children; [and]
- (5)<sup>1</sup> Developing an ongoing mechanism to assess, document and report to the legislature and the governor unmet needs for mental health services for students in each geographic region; and
- [(5)] (6) Performing other related services for school personnel, children, and parents.”

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$550,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal

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year 1988-1989, for additional personnel and operating expenses for the department of health for the implementation of Chapter 321 sections 171-177, mental health services for children and youth and for the development and improvement of a system of care and delivery for children's mental health.

SECTION 3. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of health for the purpose of this Act.

SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1988.

(Approved June 9, 1988.)

### **Note**

1. Should be underscored.