

## ACT 236

H.B. NO. 2092

A Bill for an Act Relating to Education.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 304, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

**“§304- Running start program.** (a) There is established in the department of education, the running start program to allow eligible students to enroll in any qualified course offered by the University of Hawaii system.

(b) For the purposes of this section:

“Eligible student” means a high school student in the eleventh or twelfth grade who:

- (1) Has passed a standardized test administered by the college that demonstrates the student’s ability to succeed at the college level;
- (2) Is under the age of twenty-one as of September 1 of the school year in which the college course is taken; and
- (3) Has other qualifications deemed appropriate by the department of education or the University of Hawaii; provided that subsequent qualifications do not restrict any student from taking the standardized test.

“Qualified course” means any vocational or academic course offered by the University of Hawaii system that also applies to the department of education’s graduation requirements or is otherwise permitted by department of education rule or policy.

(c) All course credits successfully completed pursuant to this section that would otherwise be transferable but for a student’s grade level, shall be transferable to any University of Hawaii system degree granting institution; provided that the student is admitted to the campus where the credit is transferred.

(d) College courses successfully completed under this section shall also satisfy the department of education’s graduation requirements as determined by the department of education pursuant to rule.

(e) This section shall not preclude the department of education and the University of Hawaii from establishing programs by mutual agreement that permit high school students to enroll in college courses.

(f) The department of education shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 to effectuate this section.”

SECTION 2. Section 302A-401, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

**“[[§302A-401] Articulation agreement with the University of Hawaii; enrollment.] Running start program.** [The department, in consultation with, and with the concurrence of, the University of Hawaii, shall establish rules] (a) There is created in the department, the running start program to permit [qualified] eligible

students to enroll in any [vocational or academic courses] qualified course offered by the University of Hawaii system[; provided that the courses apply to the department's graduation requirements or are otherwise permitted by the department's rules or policies].

(b) For the purposes of this section:

"Eligible student" means a high school student in the eleventh or twelfth grade who:

- (1) Has passed a standardized test administered by the college that demonstrates the student's ability to succeed at the college level;
- (2) Is under the age of twenty-one as of September 1 of the school year in which the college course is taken; and
- (3) Has other qualifications deemed appropriate by the department of education or the University of Hawaii; provided that subsequent qualifications do not restrict any student from taking the standardized test.

"Qualified course" means any vocational or academic course offered by the University of Hawaii system that also applies to the department's graduation requirements or is otherwise permitted by department rule or policy.

(c) All course credits successfully completed pursuant to this section that would otherwise be transferable but for a student's grade level, shall be transferable to any University of Hawaii system degree granting institution; provided that the student is admitted to the campus where the credit is transferred.

(d) College courses successfully completed under this section shall also satisfy the department's graduation requirements as determined by the department pursuant to rule.

(e) This section shall not preclude the department and the University of Hawaii from establishing programs by mutual agreement that permit high school students to enroll in college courses.

(f) Every student enrolled in a college course pursuant to this section shall remit appropriate tuition and fees to the college for every college course.

(g) The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 to effectuate this section."

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.<sup>1</sup>

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 19, 2000.)

**Note**

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.