

**ACT 161**

S.B. NO. 981

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board Special Fund.

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

SECTION 1. Section 302A-803, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) In addition to establishing standards for the issuance and renewal of licenses and any other powers and duties authorized by law, the board’s powers shall also include:

- (1) Setting and administering its own budget;
- (2) Adopting, amending, or repealing the rules of the board in accordance with chapter 91;
- (3) Receiving grants or donations from private foundations, and state and federal funds;
- (4) Submitting an annual report to the governor, the legislature, and the board of education on the board’s operations and expenditures, and from the 2007-2008 school year, submitting a summary report

- every five years of the board’s accomplishment of objectives, efforts to improve or maintain teacher quality, and efforts to keep its operations responsive and efficient;
- (5) Conducting a cyclical review of standards and suggesting revisions for their improvement;
  - (6) Establishing licensing fees in accordance with chapter 91 and determining the manner by which fees are collected and subsequently deposited into the state treasury and credited to the ~~[Hawaii teacher standards board special fund;]~~ general fund;
  - (7) Establishing penalties in accordance with chapter 91;
  - (8) Issuing, renewing, forfeiting, restoring, conditioning, revoking, suspending, and reinstating licenses;
  - (9) Developing criteria for a full career and technical education license, limited to career and technical education teaching assignments, allowing qualified individuals with at least an associate’s degree, coursework, industry experience, and content expertise to teach;
  - (10) Reviewing reports from the department and commission on individuals hired on an emergency basis;
  - (11) Applying licensing standards on a case-by-case basis and conducting licensing evaluations;
  - (12) Preparing and disseminating teacher licensing information to schools and operational personnel;
  - (13) Approving teacher preparation programs;
  - (14) Establishing policies and procedures for approving alternative pathways to teaching;
  - (15) Administering reciprocity agreements with other states relative to licensing;
  - (16) Conducting research and development on teacher licensure systems, beginning teacher programs, the assessment of teaching skills, and other related topics;
  - (17) Participating in efforts relating to teacher quality issues, professional development related to the board’s standards, and promotion of high teacher standards and accomplished teaching;
  - (18) Adopting applicable rules and procedures; and
  - (19) Adopting, amending, repealing, or suspending the policies and standards of the board.”

SECTION 2. Section 302A-808, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

**“§302A-808 Penalty.** Any person who engages in the profession of teaching in a public school without first being issued a license or hired on an emergency basis as defined in this chapter shall be fined not more than \$500. Any person who knowingly or intentionally violates this subpart by employing an individual as a public school teacher who does not possess a valid license or is not a department of education or charter school emergency hire as defined in this chapter may be fined not more than \$500. All fines shall be deposited into the ~~[Hawaii teacher standards board special fund;]~~ general fund.”

SECTION 3. Section 302A-806, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is repealed.

SECTION 4. On July 1, 2019, all unencumbered balances remaining in the Hawaii teacher standards board special fund repealed by this Act shall lapse to the credit of the general fund.

**SECTION 5.** Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken.<sup>1</sup> New statutory material is underscored.

**SECTION 6.** This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

(Approved June 27, 2019.)

**Note**

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.