

ACT 166

S.B. NO. 105

A Bill for an Act Relating to Education.

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

SECTION 1. Act 205, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, mandates that the department of education create a quarterly report about, among other things, students with autism spectrum disorder, staffing requirements, and Medicaid reimbursements. However, the quarterly report is a burdensome reporting requirement for the department with few changes reflected between each period. Changing the requirement to an annual report would provide a more equitable balance between the benefit of having the informational report and the associated additional workload.

The purpose of this Act is to amend the reporting period from quarterly to annually under Act 205, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018.

SECTION 2. Act 205, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, section 6, is amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

“(c) After the submission of the initial report to the legislature and board of education pursuant to subsection (b), the department of education shall submit ~~[quarterly reports]~~ an annual report to the legislature and board of education; provided that the ~~[quarterly reports]~~ annual report shall include the following:

- ~~[(1)]~~ ~~The number of students diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder;~~
- ~~[(2)]~~ ~~(1) The number of students [with] eligible for special education and related services under the category of autism spectrum disorder [as part of their] who have an individualized education [plan;] program;~~
- ~~[(3)]~~ ~~(2) The number of students requiring applied behavior analysis;~~
- ~~[(4)]~~ ~~(3) Staffing updates and needs;~~
- ~~[(5)]~~ ~~(4) Medicaid reimbursement schedules and amounts;~~
- ~~[(6)]~~ ~~(5) Licensure updates; and~~
- ~~[(7)]~~ ~~(6) Any other information pertinent to the implementation of this Act.”~~

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

(Approved July 3, 2023.)