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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. In 1988, the legislature initiated the "Parent
2 Education Demonstration Project", later named "Families for
3 R.E.A.L.", in response to a community vision of healthy children
4 and families and the overwhelming research that parents are
5 their children's first and most important teachers and that the
6 years between birth and five years are the most significant in a
7 child's development.

8 Families for R.E.A.L. is a school-based teacher training
9 and child development program of courses and activities for
10 parents. Parents participate in the age-appropriate courses
11 once a week for eight weeks to gain and share information and
12 skills. The courses are offered at least three times a year for
13 parents with their infants and young children, and for pregnant
14 teens. In addition to the program's regular courses, special
15 interest classes are offered on such topics as stress
16 management, nutrition, siblings and rivalry.

17 The purpose of this Act is to support the Families for
18 R.E.A.L. program by:

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- 1 (1) Requiring the program to develop a plan for alternate
- 2 sources of revenue; and
- 3 (2) Appropriating moneys for the program for the current
- 4 biennium.

5 SECTION 2. The Families for R.E.A.L. program shall develop

6 a plan to cover per cent of its program costs that will be

7 incurred beginning on July 1, 2013, through fees, grants,

8 private donations, and other sources of income.

9 The Families for R.E.A.L. program shall report its plan to

10 the legislature and the governor no later than twenty days prior

11 to the convening of the regular session of 2013; provided that,

12 beginning July 1, 2013, any appropriations for the Families for

13 R.E.A.L. program shall require matching funds at a ratio of

14 per cent in public moneys to per cent in private funds.

15 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general

16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$300,000 or so much

17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 and the

18 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year

19 2012-2013 for the Families for R.E.A.L. program and professional

20 and curriculum development in parent involvement for the

21 department of education and the early learning council.



1 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
2 of education for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

Education; Families for R.E.A.L.; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for the Families for R.E.A.L. program and professional and curriculum development in parent involvement for the department of education and the early learning council; requires the program to develop a plan to cover an unspecified percentage of the program costs through fees, grants, and private donations, beginning July 1, 2013; requires report to the legislature and governor.

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