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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 renamed Families for  
3 R.E.A.L., in response to a community vision of healthy children  
4 and families and the overwhelming research indicating that  
5 parents are their children's first and most important teachers  
6 and that the years between birth and five years are the most  
7 significant in a 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 age-appropriate courses once a  
11 week for eight weeks to gain and share information and skills.  
12 The courses are offered at least three times a year for parents  
13 with their infants and young children, and for pregnant teens.  
14 In addition to the program's regular courses, special interest  
15 classes are offered on such topics as stress management,  
16 nutrition, and sibling rivalry.

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



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 fiscal 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 beginning  
7 on July 1, 2013, through fees, grants, private donations, and  
8 other sources of income. The plan shall also include a strategy  
9 for the Families for R.E.A.L. program to transition into a  
10 greater statewide role to provide resources to train parents of  
11 young children, train school personnel who work with parents of  
12 young children, and make resource materials available to  
13 families statewide.

14 The Families for R.E.A.L. program shall report its plan to  
15 the legislature and the governor no later than twenty days prior  
16 to the convening of the regular session of 2012; provided that,  
17 beginning July 1, 2013, any appropriation for the Families for  
18 R.E.A.L. program shall require matching private funds at a ratio  
19 of per cent in public moneys to per cent in  
20 private funds.

21 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
22 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 and the  
2 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
3 2012-2013 for the Families for R.E.A.L. program and professional  
4 and curriculum development in parent involvement for the  
5 department of education and the early learning council.

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

8 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**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 DOE and the early learning council. Requires the program to develop a plan to cover a percentage of the program costs, beginning 7/1/2013. Requires a report to the legislature and governor by 2012. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

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