
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF AGGRAVATED CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE
CHILD PROTECTIVE ACT.

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

1 SECTION 1. During the 2010 regular session, the
2 legislature passed Senate Bill No. 2716, which was enacted as
3 Act 135, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010, and codified as the Child
4 Protective Act, chapter 587A, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Act 135
5 was a comprehensive update of the former Child Protective Act,
6 chapter 587, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

7 The State subsequently was informed by the federal
8 Administration for Children and Families that recent changes to
9 the federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act needed to
10 be incorporated into chapter 587A, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The
11 changes to chapter 587A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, are necessary
12 to ensure the State's compliance with the federal Child Abuse
13 Prevention and Treatment Act as well as with the state plan
14 under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act.

15 The purpose of this Act is to ensure that Hawaii remains
16 eligible for approximately \$40,000,000 in Title IV-E and
17 \$140,000 in Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act annual



1 federal funding to support the State's child welfare services
2 program by making amendments to the state's Child Protective Act
3 that conform to the Federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment
4 Act, as well as the state plan under Title IV-E of the Social
5 Security Act.

6 SECTION 2. Section 587A-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 amended by amending the definition of "aggravated circumstances"
8 to read as follows:

9 "Aggravated circumstances" means that:

- 10 (1) The parent has murdered, or has solicited, aided,
11 abetted, attempted, or conspired to commit the murder
12 or voluntary manslaughter of, another child of the
13 parent;
- 14 (2) The parent has committed a felony assault that results
15 in serious bodily injury to the child or another child
16 of the parent;
- 17 (3) The parent's rights regarding a sibling of the child
18 have been judicially terminated or divested;
- 19 (4) The parent has tortured the child; [~~or~~]
- 20 (5) The child is an abandoned infant[-];
- 21 (6) The parent has committed sexual abuse against another
22 child of the parent; or



1 (7) The parent is required to register with a sex offender
2 registry under section 113(a) of the Adam Walsh Child
3 Protection and Safety Act of 2006, title 42 United
4 States Code section 16913(a)."

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

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



Report Title:

Child Protective Act; Aggravated Circumstances

Description:

Amends the definition of "aggravated circumstances" in chapter 587A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to make it consistent with the federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act and the state plan under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act. (HB2533 HD1)

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