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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORKING GROUP TO EXAMINE HOW
THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CAN MAXIMIZE MEDICAID
REIMBURSEMENT FOR SUPPORT SERVICES OFFERED TO ELIGIBLE
STUDENTS DURING SCHOOL HOURS.

1 WHEREAS, the federal Individuals with Disabilities
2 Education Act and state laws require the Department of Education
3 to provide a free appropriate public education, which includes a
4 continuum of services, to students who are eligible for special
5 education and related services; and

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7 WHEREAS, special education may include but is not limited
8 to academic services, speech-language services, psychological
9 services, physical and occupational therapy, counseling
10 services, and parent education, all at no cost to parents; and

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12 WHEREAS, if a student is found eligible to receive special
13 education, services are provided to the student through an
14 individualized education plan, which is a written statement
15 about the educational program for a child with a disability,
16 serves as a management tool to ensure that the child receives
17 the needed special education and related services, and is an
18 evaluation device when used to determine the extent of the
19 child's progress toward accomplishing projected goals; and

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21 WHEREAS, the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division of
22 the Department of Health has a statewide mandate as a result of
23 the Felix Consent Decree to work with the Department of
24 Education to provide services to special education youth with
25 severe mental health conditions and should be able to receive
26 payment from MedQUEST for reimbursement for services provided to
27 Medicaid eligible children and adolescents; and

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29 WHEREAS, because of how critical it is for all students to
30 receive a quality public education, this body recognizes that a
31 review of the Department of Education's effectiveness and
32 efficiency in maximizing Medicaid reimbursements for support
33 services to eligible students is necessary; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018,
3 that a working group be established to examine how the
4 Department of Education can maximize Medicaid reimbursement for
5 support services offered to eligible students during school
6 hours; and

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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group include the
9 following members:

- 10 (1) The Superintendent of Education, or the
11 Superintendent's designee;
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13 (2) The MedQUEST Administrator, or the Administrator's
14 designee;
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16 (3) A MedQUEST health care services representative;
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18 (4) The Deputy Attorneys General representing the
19 Department of Human Services and Department of Health,
20 or their respective designees;
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22 (5) The Chair of the Senate Committee on Education, to
23 serve as co-chair; and
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25 (6) The Chair of the House of Representatives Committee on
26 Education, to serve as co-chair; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group convene on
30 August 1, 2018; and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the working group's
33 examination on maximizing Medicaid reimbursement for support
34 services offered during school hours by the Department of
35 Education, include but not be limited to:

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37 (1) Occupational and physical therapy;
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39 (2) Speech pathology;
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41 (3) Applied behavior analysis; and
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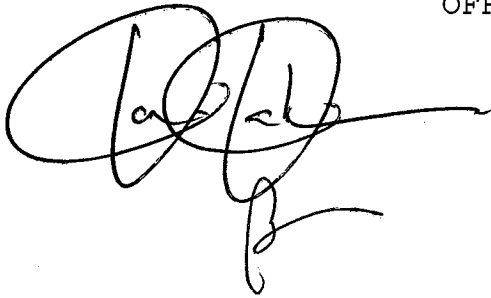


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(4) Other wellness supports that benefit a student's learning and growth; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of Education, Attorney General, MedQUEST Division Administrator, Chair of the Senate Committee on Education, and Chair of the House of Representatives Committee on Education.

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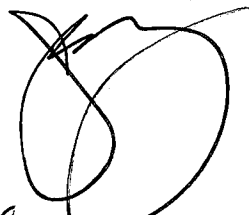
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