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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS FOR JUVENILES.

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

1           SECTION 1. The department of education shall establish and  
2 maintain an alternative school in the Honolulu school district  
3 of Oahu to provide ongoing education to juveniles involved in  
4 the justice system or at high-risk of involvement in the justice  
5 system.

6           The alternative school shall be an off-campus alternative  
7 learning center modeled after the high core program in the  
8 central school district of Oahu. Similar to the high core  
9 program, the alternative school shall service at-risk students  
10 from all secondary schools in the district who are referred by  
11 their home schools after all school-level resources have been  
12 utilized. The alternative school shall offer a variety of  
13 programs to meet the particular needs of students, including  
14 full-time programs, before- and after-school programs, and  
15 twilight school programs.

16           A student participating in the alternative school shall  
17 meet one or more of the following criteria:



- 1 (1) Has ten or more unauthorized absences in the current  
2 or previous quarter;
- 3 (2) Experiencing academic failure in two or more courses  
4 in the current quarter or has experienced academic  
5 failure in two or more courses in the previous  
6 quarter;
- 7 (3) Has received three or more disciplinary referrals,  
8 including disciplinary referrals for class A, B, C, or  
9 D offenses pursuant to title 8, chapter 19, Hawaii  
10 Administrative Rules;
- 11 (4) Be one or more grade levels behind other students of a  
12 comparable age;
- 13 (5) Be involved with the juvenile justice system; or
- 14 (6) Meet other at-risk factors as determined by the home  
15 school.

16 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
18 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 for the  
19 department of education to establish and maintain an alternative  
20 school in the Honolulu school district of Oahu to provide  
21 ongoing education to juveniles involved in the justice system or



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1 at high-risk of involvement in the justice system and to fund  
2 related expenses, including utilities, curriculum, equipment,  
3 supplies, and the hiring of necessary staff.

4 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
5 education for the purposes of this Act.

6 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

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INTRODUCED BY:                     *M. D. M.*                      
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**Report Title:**

Honolulu Prosecuting Attorney Package; DOE; Alternative Schools; Juvenile Justice System; At-Risk Youth; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to the Department of Education for an alternative school to provide ongoing education to juveniles involved in the justice system or at risk of involvement in the justice system.

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