A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS FOR JUVENILES.

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

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

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

A student participating in the alternative school shall meet one or more of the following criteria:
(1) Has ten or more unauthorized absences in the current or previous quarter;

(2) Experiencing academic failure in two or more courses in the current quarter or has experienced academic failure in two or more courses in the previous quarter;

(3) Has received three or more disciplinary referrals, including disciplinary referrals for class A, B, C, or D offenses pursuant to title 8, chapter 19, Hawaii Administrative Rules;

(4) Be one or more grade levels behind other students of a comparable age;

(5) Be involved with the juvenile justice system; or

(6) Meet other at-risk factors as determined by the home school.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of $ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 for the department of education to establish and maintain an alternative school in the Honolulu school district of Oahu to provide ongoing education to juveniles involved in the justice system or
at high-risk of involvement in the justice system and to fund related expenses, including utilities, curriculum, equipment, supplies, and the hiring of necessary staff.

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

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