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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO YOUTH.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that in the United  
2 States, more than one-fourth of the children, or fifteen  
3 million, are left alone and unsupervised after school. Thirty  
4 per cent, or nearly four million, of middle school students are  
5 left unsupervised until their parents return home from work.

6           The legislature further finds that juvenile violence peaks  
7 in the after-school hours on school days and in the evenings on  
8 nonschool days. Sixty-three per cent of violent crimes  
9 committed by juveniles occur on school days, while nearly one-  
10 fifth of all juvenile violent crimes occur between the hours of  
11 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. During fiscal year 2013, the police  
12 made over three thousand arrests of juveniles between the ages  
13 of twelve and fourteen in Hawaii.

14           The legislature finds that according to the superintendent  
15 of education's annual report of 2011, Hawaii's dropout rate has  
16 reached over sixteen per cent, with a graduation rate of only  
17 around eighty per cent. Nearly half of the high school dropouts  
18 reported that they started high school ill-prepared.



1       The legislature further finds that research indicates that  
2 each disconnected youth costs the taxpayers nearly \$14,000 per  
3 year, which can continue and even increase in the future as some  
4 disenfranchised youth become part of the juvenile justice  
5 system. The stakes of youth disengagement are high. Once  
6 students are disconnected, recruitment, enrollment, and  
7 retention programs require stronger and more persistent  
8 outreach, more intensive services, and more long-term  
9 participation.

10       Middle and intermediate school years are a pivotal time for  
11 our keiki, a time when they can succumb to peer pressure and  
12 significantly derail their education and futures. Accordingly,  
13 participation in high-quality after-school programs can lead to  
14 improved school attendance, better behavior, and better academic  
15 performance. Keeping our keiki engaged in positive after-school  
16 activities will help to keep them on the path toward graduation  
17 and productive futures.

18       Currently, there are approximately thirty-nine thousand  
19 middle and intermediate public school students in Hawaii.  
20 Approximately half of the roughly fifty-one middle and  
21 intermediate schools in the State receive some federal or state



1 funding for after-school programing; however, funding is  
2 inconsistent or unreliable.

3       The legislature finds that in March 2013, the lieutenant  
4 governor established the resources for enrichment, athletics,  
5 culture, and health initiative to develop a standardized  
6 framework and funding for after-school programs for public  
7 middle and intermediate school students throughout the State.  
8 The establishment of a state-subsidized after-school program for  
9 middle and intermediate public school students is important to  
10 the future of our keiki and the welfare of our State as a whole.

11       The legislature further finds that the office of youth  
12 services, within the department of human services, provides  
13 comprehensive front end services and programs for youth to  
14 prevent delinquency and reduce the incidence of recidivism. The  
15 office is dedicated to creating opportunities for youth to  
16 develop competencies that foster resiliency and enable them to  
17 achieve a successful transition to young adulthood. The  
18 legislature determines that the objectives of the resources for  
19 enrichment, athletics, culture, and health initiative are wholly  
20 aligned with those of the office of youth services.

21       The purpose of this Act is to:



- 1 (1) Statutorily establish the resources for enrichment,  
2 athletics, culture, and health program within the  
3 office of youth services to provide a standardized  
4 framework for operations and provide funding for  
5 after-school programs in public middle and  
6 intermediate schools;
- 7 (2) Establish a special fund to receive fees and other  
8 moneys to help meet the costs of administering and  
9 operating the program;
- 10 (3) Appropriate funds for establishing the resources for  
11 enrichment, athletics, culture, and health program to  
12 provide funding for after-school programs in middle  
13 and intermediate public schools; and
- 14 (4) Establish one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) position  
15 to support the program and appropriate funds for that  
16 position.

17 SECTION 2. Chapter 352D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
18 amended by adding three new sections to be appropriately  
19 designated and to read as follows:

20 "§352D-A Resources for enrichment, athletics, culture, and  
21 health program; established. There is established the resources



1 for enrichment, athletics, culture, and health program within  
2 the office.

3 §352D-B Resources for enrichment, athletics, culture, and  
4 health program; powers and duties of the office. (a) The

5 office shall provide funding to establish, support, or enhance  
6 after-school programs in public middle and intermediate schools.

7 The office may enter into contracts with middle and intermediate  
8 schools, individuals, organizations, or other entities to

9 provide after-school programs to public middle and intermediate  
10 schools.

11 (b) The office shall:

12 (1) Establish criteria and application, selection, and  
13 award processes for funding after-school programs;

14 (2) Monitor the after-school programs within each school;

15 (3) Conduct site evaluations for schools with after-school  
16 programs funded under the resources for enrichment,

17 athletics, culture, and health program; and

18 (4) Ensure each after-school program meets contractual  
19 expectations.

20 (c) The office may establish participation fees and other  
21 charges to be assessed to each student for the cost of

22 administering and operating the program. The revenues shall be



1 deposited into the special fund established pursuant to section  
2 352D-C and shall be used to supplement the costs of  
3 administering and operating the program.

4 §352D-C Resources for enrichment, athletics, culture, and  
5 health program special fund. (a) There is established the  
6 resources for enrichment, athletics, culture, and health program  
7 special fund to be administered by the office.

8 (b) The special fund shall consist of:

9 (1) Fees collected by the office for administering and  
10 operating the resources for enrichment, athletics,  
11 culture, and health program, and for the provision of  
12 program services;

13 (2) Legislative appropriations;

14 (3) All interest earned on the deposit or investment of  
15 moneys in the special fund; and

16 (4) Any other moneys made available to the special fund  
17 from any other sources.

18 (c) Moneys in the resources for enrichment, athletics,  
19 culture, and health program special fund shall be used to  
20 supplement the costs of administering and operating after-school  
21 programs in middle and intermediate public schools. The office  
22 may also use the moneys to:



- 1        (1) Hire personnel to implement, operate, and oversee
- 2            after-school programs;
- 3        (2) Promote after-school program activities;
- 4        (3) Conduct after-school education and demonstration
- 5            projects;
- 6        (4) Contract for services for after-school programs; and
- 7        (5) Fund associated expenses for after-school programs."

8            SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so  
10 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 to be  
11 deposited into the resources for enrichment, athletics, culture,  
12 and health program special fund.

13            SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the resources for  
14 enrichment, athletics, culture, and health program special fund  
15 the sum of \$                    or so much thereof as may be necessary  
16 for fiscal year 2014-2015 to carry out the purpose of this Act,  
17 including the establishment and operation of the resources for  
18 enrichment, athletics, culture, and health program and hiring of  
19 one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) position for the office of  
20 youth services.

21            The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
22 human services for the purposes of this Act.



1           SECTION 5. In codifying the new sections added by section  
2 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute  
3 appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating  
4 the new sections in this Act.

5           SECTION 6. New statutory material is underscored.

6           SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.





**Report Title:**

Youth; After-school Programs; Resources for Enrichment, Athletics, Culture, and Health Program; Appropriation

**Description:**

Statutorily establishes the Resources for Enrichment, Athletics, Culture, and Health program within the Office of Youth Services to provide after-school programs in public middle and intermediate schools. Establishes a special fund. Appropriates funds to establish the program and one full-time position. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

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