
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 302D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§302D- Financial insolvency. (a) In the event that
5 any public charter school becomes financially insolvent, the
6 school shall be deemed to have voluntarily surrendered its
7 charter.

8 (b) If an authorizer determines that school closure is
9 necessary, the authorizer shall develop a public charter school
10 closure protocol as required under section 302D-19(a). The
11 authorizer shall, in its sole discretion, determine whether to
12 keep the school open to students and personnel for a set period
13 of time for any reason, including to provide for a transition
14 period for students or personnel."

15 SECTION 2. Section 302D-17, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended by amending subsection (e) to read as follows:



1 "(e) The authorizer shall have the authority to direct the
2 governing board and the charter school to take appropriate
3 action to immediately address serious health and safety issues
4 that may exist at a charter school in order to ensure the health
5 and safety of students and employees or mitigate significant
6 liability to the State.

7 The board shall have the authority to direct the authorizer
8 to take appropriate action to immediately address serious health
9 and safety issues that may exist at a charter school in order to
10 ensure the health and safety of students and employees and
11 mitigate significant liability to the State.

12 The authorizer shall, in its sole discretion, determine
13 whether the health and safety issues require school closure. If
14 an authorizer determines that school closure is necessary, the
15 authorizer shall develop a public charter school closure
16 protocol as required under section 302D-19(a). The authorizer
17 shall, in its sole discretion, determine whether to keep the
18 school open to students and personnel for a set period of time
19 for any reason, including to provide for a transition period for
20 students or personnel."

21 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.



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

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Description:

Establishes protocol for public charter schools in the event a school becomes financially insolvent. Authorizes school closure if determined necessary by an authorizer in the event of financial insolvency or due to health and safety issues.

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