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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

1           SECTION 1. Act 205, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, mandates  
2 that the department of education create a quarterly report about  
3 students with autism spectrum disorder, staffing requirements,  
4 and Medicaid reimbursements. However, the quarterly report is a  
5 burdensome reporting requirement for the department with few  
6 changes between each period. Changing the requirement to an  
7 annual report would provide a more equitable balance between an  
8 informational report and additional workload.

9           The purpose of this Act is to amend the Act 205, Session  
10 Laws of Hawaii 2018, reporting period from quarterly to annual.

11           SECTION 2. Act 205, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, Section  
12 6, is amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

13           "(c) After the submission of the initial report to the  
14 legislature and board of education pursuant to subsection (b),  
15 the department of education shall submit [~~quarterly reports~~] an  
16 annual report to the legislature and board of education;  
17 provided that the [~~quarterly reports~~] annual report shall  
18 include the following:

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- 1        [~~(1)~~] ~~The number of students diagnosed with autism spectrum~~
- 2                                ~~disorder;~~
- 3        ~~(2)~~] (1) The number of students [~~with~~] eligible for
- 4                                special education and related services under the
- 5                                category of autism spectrum disorder [~~as part of~~
- 6                                ~~their~~] and have an individualized education [~~plan~~]
- 7                                program;
- 8        [~~(3)~~] (2) The number of students requiring applied
- 9                                behavior analysis;
- 10       [~~(4)~~] (3) Staffing updates and needs;
- 11       [~~(5)~~] (4) Medicaid reimbursement schedules and amounts;
- 12       [~~(6)~~] (5) Licensure updates; and
- 13       [~~(7)~~] (6) Any other information pertinent to the
- 14                                implementation of this Act."

15        SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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INTRODUCED BY: *[Signature]*

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BY REQUEST

# S.B. NO. 1345

**Report Title:**

Department of Education; Report; Autism Spectrum Disorder

**Description:**

Changes the Department of Education's quarterly report on autism spectrum disorder to an annual report.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Education

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION.

PURPOSE: To change the Department of Education's (Department) quarterly report on autism spectrum disorder to an annual report.

MEANS: Amend section 6(c) of Act 205, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018.

JUSTIFICATION: The quarterly report is a burdensome reporting requirement for the Department with few changes between each period. Changing the requirement to an annual report would provide a more equitable balance between an informational report and additional workload.

Impact on the public: None.

Impact on the department and other agencies: Less frequency of putting together the report.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM DESIGNATION: None.

OTHER AFFECTED AGENCIES: None.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.