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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. The legislature finds that students from  
2 military families, other countries and cultures, and across the  
3 State or even the district face unique academic and cultural  
4 issues when transitioning from their former schools to public  
5 schools in the State. If not addressed, these issues may  
6 negatively impact the academic potential of these students and  
7 lead to other problems as well. Fortunately, a model transition  
8 program at Radford high school has gained deserved recognition  
9 for successfully assisting students from military families,  
10 other countries and cultures, and across the State or the  
11 district with the transitions to schools in the State.

12           The purpose of this Act is to expand the concept of the  
13 Radford high school transition program to all other schools in  
14 the department of education.

15           SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$3,000,000, or so  
17 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and  
18 the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal



1 year 2008-2009, to support transition programs for all schools  
2 in the State and to hire necessary personnel to coordinate the  
3 transition programs; provided that:

4 (1) The determination of costs associated with providing  
5 transition programs for students shall be calculated  
6 under the weighted student formula on a per student  
7 basis; and

8 (2) Funding for the provision of transition programs for  
9 students shall be funded outside of the allocation  
10 provided according to the weighted student formula.

11 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
12 of education for the purposes of this Act.

13 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.



**Report Title:**

Education; Transition Programs; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to support transition programs in all schools in the State and to hire necessary personnel to coordinate the transition programs. (SD1)

