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HOUSE BILL 1316\*  
Committee Substitute Favorable 5/26/93

Short Title: Braille Literacy.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

May 10, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE A DETERMINATION OF THE APPROPRIATE READING  
AND WRITING MEDIUM FOR EACH VISUALLY IMPAIRED STUDENT,  
AND TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 115C-113 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(i) The multidisciplinary diagnosis and evaluation for a visually impaired student shall include an assessment to determine whether braille, large print, regular print, or any combination of these, is the appropriate medium for reading and writing for the student. This assessment shall be administered by a professional certified as a teacher of the visually impaired. The individualized education program committee shall consider this determination in its proposal of special education and related services for the student as part of its development of the student's individualized educational program under subsection (f) of this section. The student and the professionals providing the student's instruction shall have the materials and equipment necessary for the implementation of the individualized educational program.

In order to provide the assessments under this subsection, the Governor Morehead School shall establish a resource center to assist the Department of Public Instruction and local educational agencies."

Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division for the Blind, Department of Human Resources, the sum of seventy-five thousand three hundred sixty-one dollars (\$75,361) for the 1993-94 fiscal year and the sum of one

- 1 hundred forty-nine thousand one hundred eighty-six dollars (\$149,186) for the 1994-95  
2 fiscal year for the Governor Morehead School's costs in implementing this act.  
3           Sec. 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1993.