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SENATE BILL 1024*

Short Title: Braille Literacy.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Odom.

Referred to: Children and Human Resources.

May 4, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE A DETERMINATION OF THE APPROPRIATE
2 READING/WRITING MEDIUM FOR EACH VISUALLY IMPAIRED
3 STUDENT.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

7 "(i) The comprehensive evaluation procedures for a visually impaired student
8 shall include an evaluation to determine the appropriate reading/writing medium for the
9 student. This assessment shall be administered by a professional certified as a teacher
10 of the visually impaired and shall include consideration of Braille, large print, and
11 regular print. The assessment may lead to the determination that, rather than any one of
12 these media, a combination of any or all is the most appropriate. The Individualized
13 Education Program Committee shall consider this determination in making its decision
14 and its decision shall be included in the development of the student's Individualized
15 Education Program. The student and the professionals providing the student's
16 instruction shall have the materials and equipment necessary for the implementation of
17 the Individualized Education Program.

18 In order to provide students with visual impairments with evaluations regarding their
19 appropriate reading/writing medium, the Governor Morehead School shall establish a
20 resource center to assist the Department of Public Instruction and local school
21 administrative units."

22 Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division for the
23 Blind, Department of Human Resources, the sum of seventy-five thousand three
24 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.