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SENATE BILL 1024*

Children and Human Resources Committee Substitute Adopted 5/20/93

Short Title: Braille Literacy.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 4, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE A DETERMINATION OF THE APPROPRIATE READING
2 AND WRITING MEDIUM FOR EACH VISUALLY IMPAIRED STUDENT,
3 AND TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION.
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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 multi-disciplinary diagnosis and evaluation for a visually impaired
8 student shall include an assessment to determine whether Braille, large print, regular
9 print, or any combination of these, is the appropriate medium for reading and writing for
10 the student. This assessment shall be administered by a professional certified as a
11 teacher of the visually impaired. The individualized education program committee shall
12 consider this determination in its proposal of special education and related services for
13 the student as part of its development of the student's individualized educational
14 program under subsection (f) of this section. The student and the professionals
15 providing the student's instruction shall have the materials and equipment necessary for
16 the implementation of the individualized educational program.

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

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