

Sixty-first  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

Introduced by

(At the request of the Department of Public Instruction)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 25-06-02 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to the facilitation of a acquisition of instructional materials in alternate  
3 formats to students with print disabilities; to amend sections 25-06-01 and 25-06-01.1 of the  
4 North Dakota Century Code, relating to the facilitation of acquisition of instructional materials in  
5 alternate formats to students with print disabilities; and to provide an appropriation to the North  
6 Dakota vision services - school for the blind for the purpose of providing instructional materials  
7 in alternate formats to students with print disabilities.

8 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

9 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 25-06-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
10 amended and reenacted as follows:

11 **25-06-01. North Dakota vision services - school for the blind - Maintained -**  
12 **Location.** There must be maintained at Grand Forks, in Grand Forks County, a statewide  
13 service, resource, and referral center for the education and training of all residents of this state  
14 who are blind or have a visual impairment and to serve as the national instructional materials  
15 accessibility center authorized user for the purpose of facilitating access to and conversion of  
16 accessible instructional materials in alternate formats for use by blind individuals, individuals  
17 with visual impairment and students with other print disabilities, which must be known as the  
18 North Dakota vision services - school for the blind.

19 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 25-06-01.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
20 amended and reenacted as follows:

21 **25-06-01.1. Definitions.** For purposes of this chapter, ~~an~~:

22 1. An individual who is blind means an individual who is totally blind or whose central  
23 visual acuity does not exceed twenty/two hundred in the better eye with corrective

lenses, or the widest diameter of the visual field is no greater than twenty degrees;  
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2. An individual with a visual impairment means an individual with an impairment in vision which, even with correction, adversely affects the individual's functional ability; and

3. A student with print disabilities means a student enrolled in elementary or secondary school who has an individualized education program, which includes documentation of either an inability to read or use standard printed material as a result of physical limitations, or a reading disability resulting from an organic dysfunction that has been certified by competent authority to be of sufficient severity to prevent reading of printed material in a normal manner.

**SECTION 3.** A new subsection to section 25-06-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Serve as the national instructional materials accessibility center authorized user for the purpose of facilitating access to and conversion of accessible instructional materials in alternate formats for use by blind individuals, individuals with visual impairment and students with other print disabilities.

**SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to the North Dakota vision services - school for the blind for the purpose of serving as the national instructional materials accessibility center authorized user to facilitate access to and conversion of accessible instructional materials in alternate formats for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011, as follows:

Salaries and wages	\$47,808
Operating expenses	<u>4,554</u>
Total general fund appropriation	\$52,362
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