

Sixty-first  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1078

Introduced by

Education Committee

(At the request of the Superintendent 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 acquisition of instructional materials in alternate  
3 formats to students with print disabilities; to amend and reenact sections 25-06-01 and  
4 25-06-01.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the facilitation of acquisition of  
5 instructional materials in alternate formats to students with print disabilities; and to provide an  
6 appropriation.

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

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

10 **25-06-01. North Dakota vision services - school for the blind - Maintained -**  
11 **Location.** There must be maintained at Grand Forks, in Grand Forks County, a statewide  
12 service, resource, and referral center for the education and training of all residents of this state  
13 who are blind or have a visual impairment and to serve as the national instructional materials  
14 access center authorized user for the purpose of facilitating access to and conversion of  
15 accessible instructional materials in alternate formats for use by blind individuals, individuals  
16 with visual impairment, and students with other print disabilities, which must be known as the  
17 North Dakota vision services - school for the blind.

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

20 **25-06-01.1. Definitions.** For purposes of this chapter, ~~an~~:

21 1. An individual who is blind means an individual who is totally blind or whose central  
22 visual acuity does not exceed twenty/two hundred in the better eye with corrective  
23 lenses, or the widest diameter of the visual field is no greater than twenty degrees;  
24 ~~and an~~

1           2. An individual with a visual impairment means an individual with an impairment in  
2           vision which, even with correction, adversely affects the individual's functional  
3           ability; and

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

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

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

16           **SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the  
17 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$4,554, or so much of  
18 the sum as may be necessary, to the North Dakota vision services - school for the blind for the  
19 purpose of serving as the national instructional materials accessibility center authorized user to  
20 facilitate access to and conversion of accessible instructional materials in alternate formats for  
21 the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011.