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2001 HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES

HB 1038

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1038

House Human Services Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 15, 2001

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
Tape 3	(Didn't work)		
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Connie Easton</i>			

Minutes:

Chairman Price, Vice Chairman Devlin, Rep. Dosch, Rep. Galvin, Rep. Klein, Rep. Poilert, Rep. Porter, Rep. Tieman, Rep. Weiler, Rep. Weisz, Rep. Cleary, Rep. Metcalf, Rep. Niencier, Rep. Sandvig.

Chairman Price: Opened hearing on HB 1038.

Allen Knudson: Legal Council. Referred to Legislative Council Report (Page 123). Current law provisions for blind, but not visually impaired. Changed from a school to more of an outreach center. Intent of this bill is to service all of the blind and visually impaired - not just children. The bill as written has no direct appropriations. ND School for the Blind is receiving fees for instruction to adults. The passing of this bill changes this so all visually impaired persons in the state of ND could be served under appropriated dollars. In general, adult services are based on referrals from Vocational Rehabilitation Fees for services. will be eliminated, thus resulting in a reduction of expenditure for the referring source.

Teresa Larson: Executive Director of the Protection and Advocacy Project. Testified as one of the co-facilitators of a work group that addressed proposed legislation specific to the School for the Blind and Vision Services in North Dakota. Participants wanted to be able to support a single piece of legislation addressing the administration of the School for the Blind and Vision Services. (See written testimony)

Carmen Grove Suminski: Superintendent of the North Dakota Vision Services/School for the Blind. Our foremost mission is to offer core curriculum ensuring that vision specific skills are provided. We are currently accredited via the National Association Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Rep. Niemeier: Do nonresidents pay a higher fee for services.

Carmen Grove Suminski: Yes they do.

Rep. Pollert: Weren't FTE's coming through a special fund?

Carmen Grove Suminski: Yes.

Allen Peterson: President of North Dakota Association of Blind. Voiced interest in enhancing the state's rehabilitation programs of services. He said that the objective of the interim legislative study was to determine the feasibility of consolidating services. He felt that a single vision service agency would provide the best service for all who are blind or visually impaired.

Chairman Price: Closed hearing on HB1038.

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

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House Human Services Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 23, 2001

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
Tape 3		X	450 to 1320
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Carmen Easton</i>			

Minutes:

COMMITTEE WORK:

Chairman Price: Let's go to HB 1038.

Rep. Pollert: We need to find out some questions on the fiscal note dated January 19. There was a question about fee for services.

Rep. Metcalf: Vocational Rehab will pay for the people that they normally pay for. There is not loss of money from Voc Rehab, so there should be no demand for extra money.

Rep. Pollert: Basically, the bill just gives you a better definition. A point that Rep. Delzer was concerned about is that we were going to mandate services. School for the Blind will be the main agency that people will get a hold of, but the school will work with Voc Rehab.

Chairman Price: Is Carmen asking for two FTEs?

Rep. Pollert: Doesn't sound like that is going to happen.

Chairman Price: Do you have a recommendation on the bill?

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Rep. Pollert: If we want to, it can be a DO PASS. If you are concerned about a certain provision, we can go a bit further.

Rep. Metcalf: In my opinion it is ready to go. I feel comfortable with it.

Chairman Price: Nothing in here is going to ask for two new employees?

Rep. Metcalf: I asked Carmen that question and she never once mentioned the fact that they would need two new employees.

Rep. Pollert: If you look at the Governor's budget, the two FTEs are eliminated.

Chairman Price: Motion on the bill?

Rep. Pollert: I make a motion for a DO PASS.

Rep. Metcalf: I'll second.

Chairman Price: Further discussion or questions from the committee?

Rep. Pollert: Ralph and I can attest that we're not really wild about Carmen's testimony on this particular fiscal note.

Chairman Price: The clerk will call the roll on a **DO PASS**.

14 YES 0 NO 0 ABSENT CARRIED BY REP. POLLERT

FISCAL NOTE
 Requested by Legislative Council
 01/19/2001

REVISION

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1038

Amendment to:

1A. State fiscal effect: *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	1999-2001 Biennium		2001-2003 Biennium		2003-2005 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues		\$0		\$0		\$0
Expenditures						
Appropriations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

1B. County, city, and school district fiscal effect: *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

1999-2001 Biennium			2001-2003 Biennium			2003-2005 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

2. Narrative: *Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.*

There will be no fiscal impact to this bill.

Personnel with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and ND Vision Services/School for the Blind (NDVS/SB) held a conference call on Friday, January 19, 2001, at 11:20 a.m. Participating were Jim Leary and Mike Beck with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and Tami Purcell and Carmen Grove Suminski with the NDVS/SB. It was agreed upon that the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation will continue to pay NDVS/SB for vocational related services for those clients who are eligible.

3. State fiscal effect detail: *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

A. Revenues: *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

B. Expenditures: *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

C. Appropriations: *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect on the biennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget. Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.*

Name:	Tami Purcell	Agency:	ND School for the Blind
Phone Number:	701-795-2707	Date Prepared:	01/19/2001

FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council
12/22/2000

REVISION

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1038

Amendment to:

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	1999-2001 Biennium		2001-2003 Biennium		2003-2005 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues		\$0		(\$33,000)		(\$22,800)
Expenditures						
Appropriations		\$0	\$33,000	(\$33,000)	\$22,800	(\$22,800)

1B. County, city, and school district fiscal effect: *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

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\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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This Bill as written has no direct appropriations. However, ND School for the Blind is receiving fees for instruction to adults. The passing of this Bill changes this so all visually impaired persons in the state of ND could be served under appropriated dollars. On the average, 40 ND adult residents are served per biennium and \$22,800 is collected for fees for instruction. The above figures are difficult to project because the number served is based on need in the state and varies significantly from year to year.

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With the elimination of fee for service for adults, the special fund will result in a decrease of revenue to our agency.

Name:	Tami Purcell	Agency:	ND School for the Blind
Phone Number:	701-795-2707	Date Prepared:	12/19/2000

FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council

12/14/2000

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1038

Amendment to:

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	1999-2001 Biennium		2001-2003 Biennium		2003-2005 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues		(\$13,700)		(\$33,000)		(\$22,800)
Expenditures						
Appropriations		(\$13,700)		(\$33,000)		(\$22,800)

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Phone Number:	701-795-2707	Date Prepared:	12/19/2000

Date: 1-23-01
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1038

House Human Services Committee

Subcommittee on _____
or
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken DO PASS

Motion Made By Rep. Pollert Seconded By Rep. Metcalf

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Rep. Clara Sue Price, Chairman	✓		Rep. Audrey Cleary	✓	
Rep. William Devlin, V, Chairman	✓		Rep. Ralph Metcalf	✓	
Rep. Mark Dosch	✓		Rep. Carol Niemeier	✓	
Rep. Pat Galvin	✓		Rep. Sally Sandvig	✓	
Rep. Frank Klein	✓				
Rep. Chet Pollert	✓				
Rep. Todd Porter	✓				
Rep. Wayne Tieman	✓				
Rep. Dave Weiler	✓				
Rep. Robin Weisz	✓				

Total (Yes) 14 No _____

Absent _____

Floor Assignment Rep. Pollert

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

