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STATE
FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Status: House Education
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TITLE: CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A GRANT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR ORGANIZATIONS THAT SUPPLY ACCESSIBLE EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS FOR STUDENTS WITH PRINT DISABILITIES, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION THEREFOR.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2006/2007	FY 2007/2008
State Revenues		
Cash Funds Exempt -Ed. Materials for the Blind and Dyslexic Grant Program Fund	\$300,000 gifts, grants & donations	gifts, grants & donations
State Expenditures		
General Fund	\$300,000	
Cash Funds Exempt -Ed. Materials for the Blind and Dyslexic Grant Program Fund	\$300,000	
FTE Position Change	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE
Effective Date: Upon signature of the Governor		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2006/2007:		
Educational Materials for the Blind and Dyslexic Grant Program Fund	-- \$300,000 GF	
Department of Education	-- \$300,000 CFE	
Local Government Impact: None		

Summary of Legislation

This bill creates the Educational Materials for the Blind and Dyslexic Grant Program to provide grants to nonprofit organizations that offer school districts accessible educational materials for students with print disabilities. Subject to available appropriations, the program will be administered by the Department of Education. The bill also establishes the Educational Materials for the Blind and Dyslexic Grant Program Fund, which shall consist of any General Fund appropriations to the fund and gifts, grants, and donations received by the Department of Education for the grant program.

The Department of Education will be responsible for the review of applications for grant moneys from nonprofit organizations, and will make recommendations to the State Board of Education concerning the annual awarding of grants. Beginning October 1, 2007, nonprofit organizations that receive grants shall annually submit reports to the Department of Education

concerning the grants, and beginning January 1, 2008, the Department of Education shall annually submit a report on the grant program to the Governor and the Education Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

Moneys in the Educational Materials for the Blind and Dyslexic Grant Program Fund are subject to annual appropriation by the General Assembly. The Department of Education is authorized to spend up to 2 percent of the moneys annually appropriated from the fund to offset its costs incurred in implementing the grant program.

State Revenues

The bill authorizes the Department of Education to solicit and receive public and private gifts, grants, and donations for the grant program. At this time no such moneys are identified.

State Expenditures

The Department of Education will be responsible for the oversight of the grant program and will be required to submit an annual report to the Governor and the Education Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives, beginning in 2008. The bill authorizes the department to spend up to 2 percent of the moneys appropriated to the Educational Materials for the Blind and Dyslexic Grant Program Fund to offset the costs incurred in implementing the grant program. On this basis, up to \$6,000 will be made available annually to the Department of Education for this purpose and \$294,000 will be available for grants.

State Appropriations

The bill contains the following appropriations for FY 2006-07:

- \$300,000 GF to the Educational Materials for the Blind and Dyslexic Grant Program Fund; and
- \$300,000 CFE from the Educational Materials for the Blind and Dyslexic Grant Program to the Department of Education.

Departments Contacted

Education State Treasury