



SB 1593 teachers; braille literacy; rules (Pace)

- Requires the State Board of Education (SBE) to adopt rules ensuring that blind or visually impaired students receive appropriate quality blindness compensatory skills training to allow each pupil to complete the expanded core curriculum goals in the student's IEP.
- Requires teachers certified in educating blind or visually impaired pupils to demonstrate competence in braille by completing either the National Certification in Unified English Braille Examination or a comparable braille test developed at a university-level teacher preparation program.
- Requires SBE to adopt rules to ensure teachers of orientation and mobility instruction for blind or visually impaired students are required to demonstrate competence in the field of orientation and mobility by possessing a national certification.
- Directs the Arizona Department of Education to require all publishers of textbooks to also provide electronic versions, rather than computer diskettes.