

Department of Planning and Budget 2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 798

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Petersen

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Telecommunications; telephonic reading services.

5. Summary/Purpose: This bill directs the Department for the Blind and Visually Impaired to be responsible for the operation of telephonic reading services. "Telephonic reading services" means audio information provided by telephone to the blind and visually impaired through a nationally available, multi-state service center to registered readers in all parts of the Commonwealth, including the interstate acquisition and distribution of daily newspapers and other information.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Final.

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2004-05	40,000	-	GF
2005-06	40,000	-	GF
2006-07	40,000	-	GF
2007-08	40,000	-	GF
2008-09	40,000	-	GF
2009-10	40,000	-	GF

7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes, Item 369, program 142.

8. Fiscal implications: The cost to operate the only nationally available, multi-state service center available for telephonic reading services (NEWSLINE®) is approximately \$40,000 per year. Enactment of this bill is contingent upon the appropriation of funding for the 2004-2006 biennium.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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