



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 1271**

January Session, 2005

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**AN ACT CONCERNING REPORTS COMPILED BY THE BOARD OF  
EDUCATION AND SERVICES FOR THE BLIND.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10-298 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

3 (a) The Board of Education and Services for the Blind shall,  
4 annually, as provided in section 4-60, submit to the Governor its  
5 report, containing a statement of the activities of the board during the  
6 preceding year. Said board shall prepare and maintain a register of the  
7 blind in this state which shall describe their condition, cause of  
8 blindness and capacity for education and industrial training. The  
9 board may register cases of persons whose eyesight is seriously  
10 defective and who are liable to become visually handicapped or blind,  
11 and may take such measures in cooperation with other authorities as it  
12 deems advisable for the prevention of blindness or conservation of  
13 eyesight and, in appropriate cases, for the education of children and  
14 for the vocational guidance of adults having seriously defective sight  
15 but who are not blind.

16 (b) The board may accept and receive any bequest or gift of personal  
17 property and, subject to the consent of the Governor and Attorney  
18 General as provided in section 4b-22, any devise or gift of real property  
19 made to said board, and may hold and use such property for the

20 purposes, if any, specified in connection with such bequest, devise or  
21 gift.

22 (c) The board shall provide the Department of Motor Vehicles with  
23 the names of all individuals sixteen years of age or older who, on or  
24 after October 1, 2005, have been determined to be blind by a physician  
25 or optometrist, as provided in section 10-305. The board shall provide  
26 simultaneous written notification to any individual whose name is  
27 being transmitted by the board to said department. The board shall  
28 update the list of names provided to the Department of Motor Vehicles  
29 on a quarterly basis. The board shall enter into a memorandum of  
30 understanding with the Department of Motor Vehicles to effectuate the  
31 purposes of this subsection.

32 Sec. 2. Section 10-311a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
33 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

34 The case records of the Board of Education and Services for the  
35 Blind maintained for the purposes of this chapter shall be confidential  
36 and the names and addresses of recipients of assistance under this  
37 chapter shall not be published nor used for purposes not directly  
38 connected with the administration of this chapter, except as necessary  
39 to carry out the provisions of [section] sections 10-298, as amended by  
40 this act, and 17b-6.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	10-298
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	10-311a

**HS**            *Joint Favorable Subst.*