

April 14, 1999

S 927. BLIND SERVICES TECHNICAL CHANGES. *TO MAKE CHANGES NECESSITATED BY CHANGES IN FEDERAL LAW TO THE GENERAL STATUTES CONCERNING SERVICES FOR THE BLIND AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES.* Amends numerous sections of GS Ch. 111 to include references to visually impaired as well as blind persons, and to delete redundant and obsolete statutory citations and language. Amends GS 111-11 to define blind person as one who is totally blind, or has central visual acuity that does not exceed 20/200 in the better eye with correcting lenses, or has a visual field that subtends to an angle no greater than 20 degrees. Defines visually impaired person as one who has visual acuity of 20/100 or less with the best correction with a progressive eye condition or a 30 degree field limitation, or has best corrected central visual acuity of 20/70 or less, or has a chronic progressive eye pathology, or has visual acuity better than 20/70 without progressive eye pathology that results in a functional handicap. Amends GS 143B-158 to increase size of Commission for Blind from 11 to 13, at least seven of whom must be visually impaired.

Intro. by Kinnaird.

Ref. to Ch. & Hum Res.

GS 111, 143B

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S 927. BLIND SERVICES TECHNICAL CHANGE. Intro. 4/14/99. Senate amendment makes the following changes to 1st edition. Makes technical changes only.

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S 927. SERVICES TO THE BLIND AMENDMENTS. Intro. 4/14/99. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Adds GS 111-11.1 directing Division of Services for the Blind and Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services to enter into an agreement specifying allocation of activities to meet client needs. Repeals GS 111-50(b) [was repeals GS 111-50(b)(3)]. Revises GS 143B-158 to specify 13 members of the Commission for the Blind, all appointed by the Governor to three year terms. Requires that a majority of Comm'n members be blind. Makes editorial amendments to GS 135-16.1, 143B-163, 168-1, and 168-5 and other technical and stylistic changes. Effective when bill becomes law.

June 30, 2000

S 927. SERVICES TO THE BLIND AMENDMENTS. Intro. 4/14/99. House amendment makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Makes technical changes only.