

JOINT FINANCE COMMITTEE HEARING

FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET

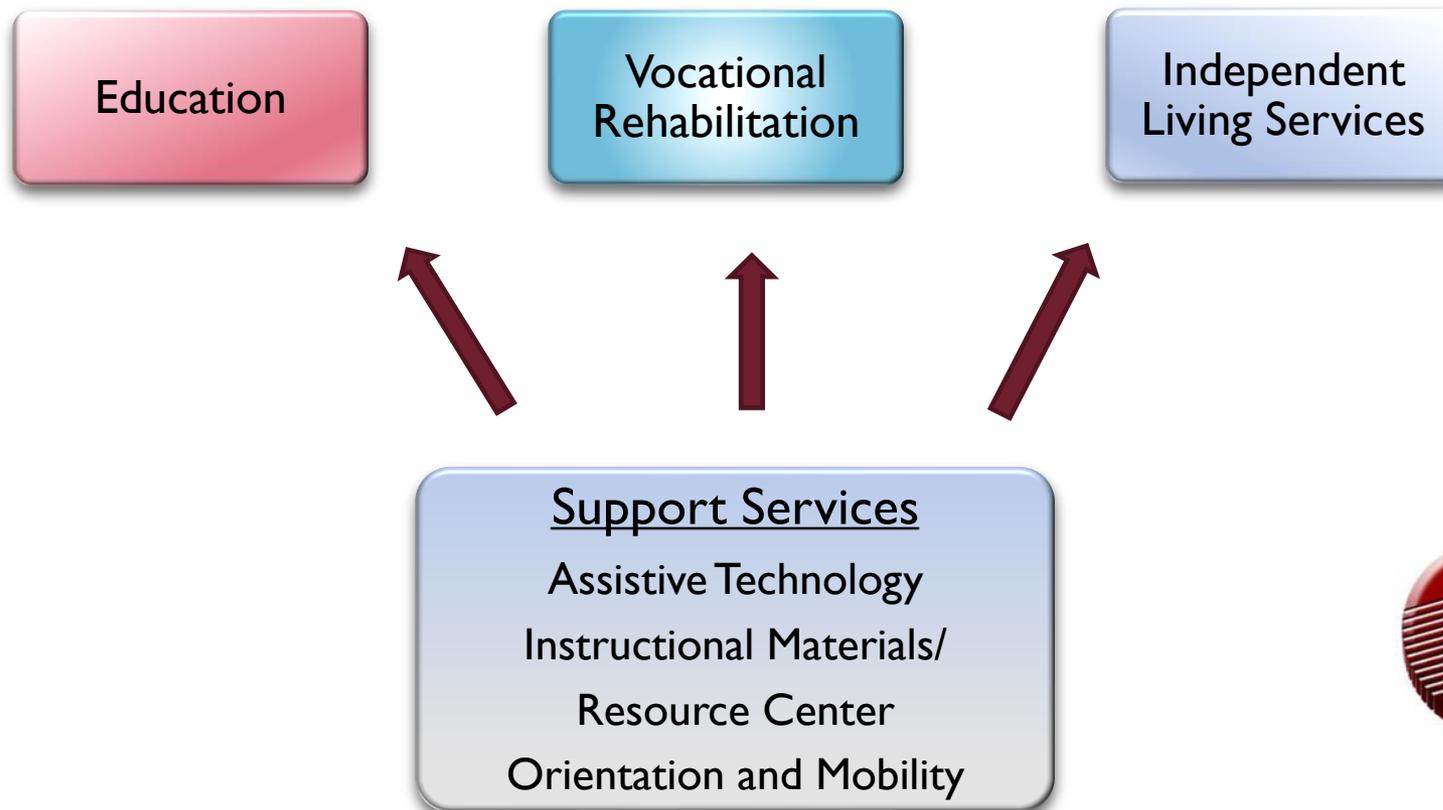


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DIVISION OVERVIEW



GETTING TO KNOW DVI

Visual categories of DVI consumers:

- Totally blind - 5%
- Legally blind - 65%
- Severely visually impaired - 30%

Age range of DVI consumers:

- Birth-17: 30%
- 18-60: 35%
- 61 and over: 35%



STUDENT ANALYSIS

Learning Tools 10th Grade Physics class	For a sighted student	Materials	For a visually impaired/ blind student	Equipment
Writing/ Printing Equipment	\$218	paper, pens, pencils, printer and paper	\$5,298	braillewriter/braille paper, braille embosser/tractor-feed braille paper
Physics textbook	\$80	one print volume	\$26,441	38 braille volumes plus transcription
Calculator	\$135	graphing calculator	\$559	graphing calculator with speech
Portable Technology Aids	\$150	tablet	\$1,845	tablet with refreshable braille display
Laptop	\$1,000	Laptop	\$2,000	Laptop with screen reader software
Total	\$1,583		\$36,183	

Courtesy of American Printing House for the Blind.

FY 2021 GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET

FY 2021 Governor's Recommended Budget (\$ in thousands)

	GF	ASF	NSF	Total
FTEs	52.4	0	18.6	71.0
Dollars (\$)	5,477.4	1,050.0	1,169.3	7,696.7

Budget Definitions:

GF – General Funds

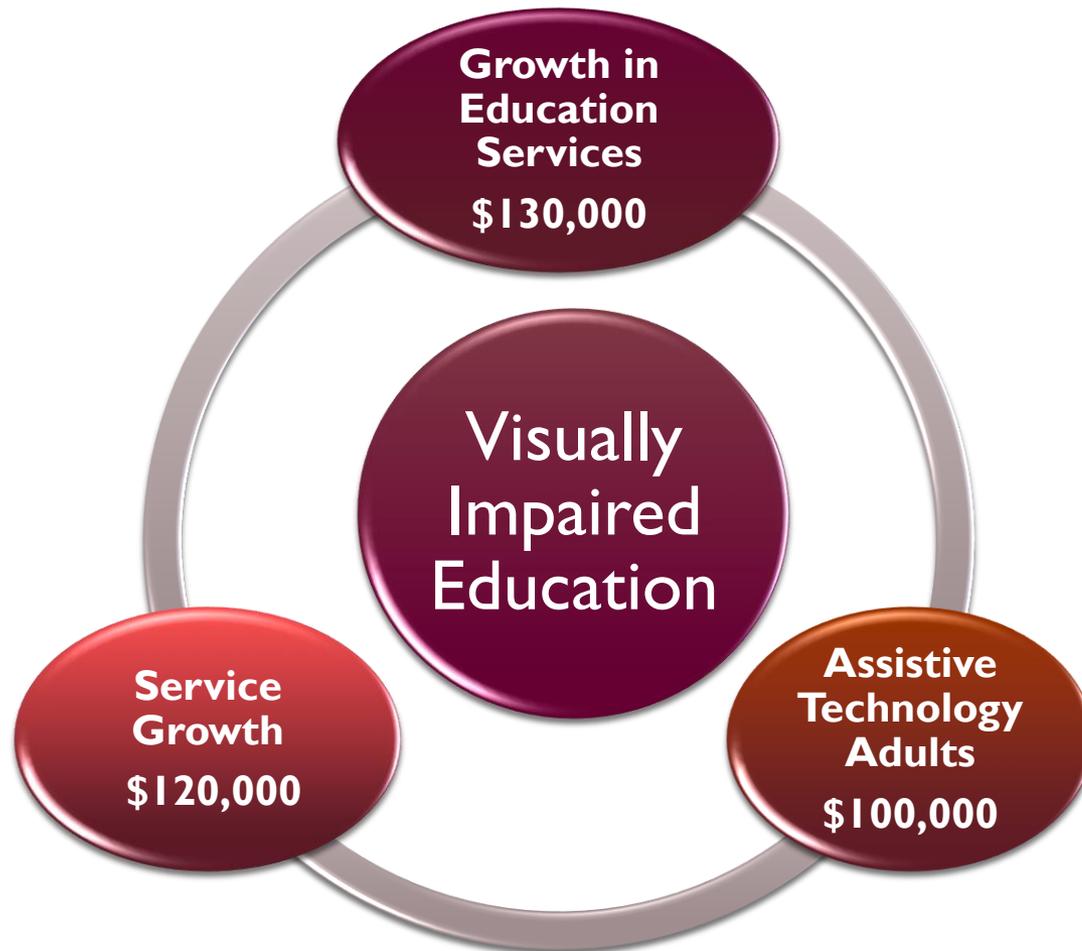
ASF – Appropriated Special Funds

NSF – Non-Appropriated Special Funds

FTEs – Full Time Equivalent Positions



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THANK YOU

