

## **SENATE BILL SUMMARY**

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SB 298

### Blind Children/Literacy Education by Senator Crist

Requires that instruction in braille be part of the individualized education program for a child who is blind or visually impaired based on an evaluation of the child. Requires the evaluation to be based on reading and writing skills and needs and of appropriate reading and writing media, including, but not limited to, an evaluation of the child's future needs for instruction in braille. Provides that the exclusive use of braille is not required if other special education services are appropriate to the child's educational needs. (See bill for details)