**National Federation of the Blind of Arizona**

Requesting amendment to ARS 15-214, Blindness Literacy Law

In 2014, The Braille Authority of North America (BANA) adopted the Unified English Braille code as the standard for Braille Writing transitioning from literary braille code. The current law is out of date and requires the standard of the Literacy Braille code.

Additionally, the National Certification in Unified English Braille is the only nationwide certification for competency and ongoing professional development in the teaching of Braille.

The National Federation of the Blind of Arizona and supporting blindness community organizations is seeking an amendment to:

1. Amend the language of the Braille standard to the updated Unified English Braille, and
2. Include the National Unified English Braille Certification as the updated standard of qualification for Braille teachers.

Please contact our legislative director, Jordan Moon, at 951-316-5363, or by email at jmoon@saavi.us should you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

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