

Congressional Acts Organizer

State Legislation Year: 1990 Federal Legislation

Name of Bill/Act: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act # 101 — 476
Congress # — #
(Our current Congressional session is #115)

I. **What** does the bill/act address? (Explain in “lay terms” and include what educational topic the legislation addressed.)

Federally funded schools are required to provide children with free education that meets their needs. The act also stated that the federal government would assist states in providing necessary resources for children with disabilities. This is part of a group of legislation that assists individuals with disabilities succeed in the United States (Americans with Disabilities Act, Civil Rights Act, etc.)

Check all that apply:

ELL 14th Amendment Other _____
 Segregation Other _____ Other _____

II. **Explain** whether bill was “original” or revisions of previous legislation (mention previous legislation, if so).

This is an amendment to another act from 1986 (see below). The amendments added to the original bill update terminology and expand the definitions of those who have a disability. This bill also expands the accommodations that can be given to help assist with new and original disabilities.

Replaced _____
(precursor/earlier legislation or statute)

Amended Education of the Handicapped Act
(precursor/earlier legislation or statute)

III. **What** was the origination of the legislation?

This began as an amendment to the Education of the Handicapped Act. There were several additions that the Senate believed would update this legislation to make it fit better with modern understanding of the needs of individuals with disabilities. Specifically, the name was changed to fit with current terminology (handicapped – individuals with disabilities).

H.R. _____ Bill title _____
House of Representatives / #

S.B. 1824 Bill Title: Education of the Handicapped Act Amendments of 1990
Senate / #

IV. **Why** was this legislation important/significant?

The original legislation is significant because it ensures that all children receive an education that meets their needs, and requires that accommodations be made for those who need specialized assistance to receive that education. Each amendment to this legislation is equally significant, because they expand the accommodations to incorporate and accommodate disabilities that have previously been misunderstood or not allocated for appropriately. These amendments also help ensure that individuals are treated with respect by using the appropriate and accurate terminology to describe individual needs.

Expanded rights
 Constricted rights