



NCLD Applauds the Reintroduction of the IDEA Full Funding Bill

WASHINGTON – November 16, 2021 – The National Center for Learning Disabilities (NCLD) applauds the reintroduction of the IDEA Full Funding Act of 2021 that was introduced today in both chambers of Congress.

NCLD appreciates the strong leadership of the co-sponsors in the Senate by Senators Van Hollen (D-MD), Tester (D-MT), Hassan (D-NH), Casey (D-PA), Smith (D-MN), Hirono (D-HI), Reed (D-RI), Blumenthal (D-CT), Kaine (D-VA), Durbin (D-VA), Cardin (D-MD), Brown (D-OH), Cortez Masto (D-NV), Booker (D-NJ), Luján (D-NM), Warren (D-MA), Markey (D-MA), Baldwin (D-WI), Wyden (D-OR), Gillibrand (D-NY), Shaheen (D-NH), Stabenow (D-MI), Padilla (D-CA), Menendez (D-NJ), and Klobuchar (D-MN).

Leaders of this legislation in the House of Representatives are Reps. Huffman (D-CA-2), Thompson (R-PA-15), Schrader (D-OR-5), Katko (R-NY-24), Fitzpatrick (R-PA-1), Neguse (D-CO-2), Phillips (D-MN-3), and McKinley (R-WV-1).

In 1975, Congress passed the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to ensure that every child with a disability has access to educational opportunity. However, the legislative pledge to fund 40 percent of the cost of special education services has never been met and costs thereby fall to state and local governments.

This bill would require yearly increases to funding for IDEA programs so that the federal government reaches an annual appropriation of 40% of the cost of special education services in 10 years. This bill has support from over 85 education, disability, and civil rights organizations.

“We have never provided adequate resources for schools and educators to support students with disabilities. The pandemic has only exacerbated the longstanding injustices our community faces. It’s time to act now.” says Lindsay E. Jones, President and CEO of NCLD. “We thank these Members of Congress for their leadership and urge swift action so that the commitment to students with disabilities and their families is finally met.”

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The National Center for Learning Disabilities (NCLD) is the leading organization representing the learning disability community. NCLD improves the lives of all people with learning disabilities and attention issues by empowering parents, enabling young adults, transforming schools, and creating policy and advocacy impact. Learn more and read the latest news at www.nclد.org.

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