

Federal Legislation Update

Here are the bills being considered in Washington that could impact individuals with disabilities. For more information on all of the bills, <u>Click Here</u>

Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act (S.313 / H.R.647):

Would give individuals with disabilities and their families access to accounts that would allow individual choice and control while protecting eligibility for Medicaid, SSI, and other important federal benefits for people with disabilities.

Combatting Autism Act (CAA, P.L. 109-416):

Focuses on expanding research and coordination at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), increasing public awareness and surveillance at the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and expanding the interdisciplinary training of health professionals to identify and support children with ASD and their families. The law was reauthorized in 2011 (P.L.112-32) and is scheduled for reauthorization this year. If it is not reauthorized, the activities authorized under the law will expire on September 30, 2014.

Keeping All Students Safe Act (S.2036 and H.R. 1893):

Would allow the use of restraint only in emergency circumstances, require parental notification and training of school personnel, and promote school-wide strategies to improve school climate.

Workforce Investment Act of 2013 (WIA) (S. 1356):

Covers the Rehabilitation Act and strengthens definitions, reporting requirements, and programs for employment of people with disabilities.

IDEA Full Funding Act (H.R. 4136):

Increases federal funding up to 40% of the average per pupil expenditure for special education costs over a decade as authorized in the law.

The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD): International treaty that promotes a more accessible world for people with disabilities, including U.S. citizens, who want to travel, learn, or work abroad.



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