



Report to the Special Education Interim Legislative Committee – August 27, 2019

The National School Boards Association is working with major sponsors of legislation to request full funding for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

The primary vehicles are bills H.R. 1878 and S. 866 called the IDEA Full Funding Act and related bills H.R. 2315 and S. 1172. H.R. 4107 requires full funding for Part C of IDEA too.

House Education and Labor Committee Chairman Bobby Scott (Dem. Virginia) has indicated his desire to move H.R. 1878 to the full House this fall. This is a strategic plan to see if more Congressional people will sign on and begin the process to move the bill forward. S.D. Representative Dusty Johnson also sits on the House Education Committee.

NSBA's rationale for the full funding stems from their campaign called "It's a Time for a Great IDEA".

1. Special Education (SPED) is a federal mandate therefore the federal budget should reflect the financial resources to assist states and school districts
2. Data clearly shows the number of special needs students is rising along with the costs to education them in public schools. States and school districts are shouldering the burden to meet the growing demand and costs, thus a need for more federal assistance.
3. School districts are using more and more general fund dollars to fill in the gaps left by lack of funding for federally mandated requirements in SPED.
4. The federal government must recognize the workforce shortage in Special Education teachers.
5. Special needs students deserve and have the right to the resources needed to provide education for them.

Action to date:

H.R. 1878 and S. 866 bills are still gathering bipartisan support for sign-ons for the full funding bills. There may be movement in the House Education and Labor Committee yet this year.

## Co-sponsors for H.R. 1878 (113 to date)

Rep. McKinley, David B. [R-WV-1]\*  
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