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A group of national disability rights organizations and student advocates are currently seeking legislation to simplify the process of requiring colleges and universities to accept IEPs and evaluations from K-12 schools as proof of the need for accommodations. The bill is called the Respond, Innovate, Support and Empower or RISE Act. The bill passed in the House as part of mental health legislation.

Some colleges and universities accept student records from K-12 institutions in order to verify needed modifications. Other institutions may require further evaluations that students need to find, schedule and pay for out of their own pocket which can create barriers to needed accommodations.

The US Senate does not have a scheduled vote but, the advocates of the RISE Act are hopeful based on the House passing it.

[Students With Disabilities Urge Smoother Transition to College](#)

NYS PTA will be having their first SEPTA virtual chat with SEPTA leaders and presidents. The meeting will be held on November 14, 2022.