

## NEWS & VIEWS

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### Congress Hands Special Ed Hefty Funding Boost

According to Michelle Diament at [Disability Scoop](#), federal funding for special education will increase the most it has in years under a newly approved government spending plan. The rise comes as part of a \$1.4 trillion package signed late last year by President Donald Trump. Special Education is a big winner with a \$400 million increase over last year.

*'That's the largest increase the program has seen since 2016,'* says Annie Acosta, director of fiscal and family support policy at The Arc. *'There's a lot of ground to be made up for so we're really pleased to see the increase.'*

The federal government will also grow its support for **vocational rehabilitation** and will fund a program to train professionals to screen and diagnose autism. The package allocates a separate \$1 million for a pilot program to establish partnerships between university centers on developmental disabilities and nonprofits. Goals include the creation of new models for community-based transition and daytime services that support independent living. [Read More...](#)



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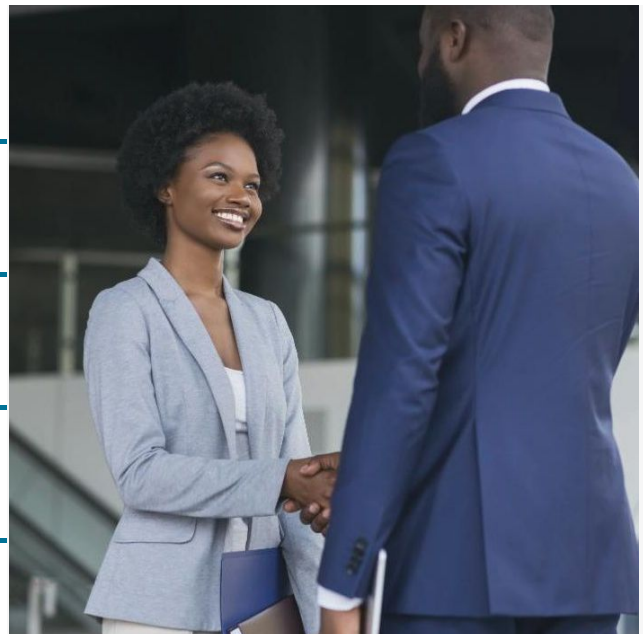
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