

S. 3589, RISE Act

Section 1. Short Title.

Denotes the Act as the “RISE Act” for citation.

Section 2. Perfecting Amendment to the Definition of Disability.

Amends the Higher Education Act of 1965 to align with the definition of disability.

Section 3. Supporting Students with Disabilities to Succeed once Enrolled in College.

Amends Section 487(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require institutions of higher education to accept documentation such as Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) or 504 plans as establishment of a disability. This prevents students from spending time and money to get re-tested or diagnosed in order to receive accommodations and resources.

Section 4. Authorization of Funds for The National Center for Information and Technical Support for Postsecondary Students with Disabilities.

Authorizes funding for the National Center for Information and Technical Support for Postsecondary Students with Disabilities for fiscal years 2027 through 2031.

Section 5. Inclusion of Information on Students with Disabilities.

Amends Section 487(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require institutions of higher education to submit key data related to undergraduate students with disabilities for inclusion in the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) or any other Federal postsecondary data collection effort.

Section 6. Rule of Construction.

Clarifies that the Act should not be construed to affect the definition of the terms “reasonable accommodation” or “record of impairment” under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.