

PUBLIC LAW 100-146—OCT. 29, 1987

**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
ASSISTANCE AND BILL OF RIGHTS ACT
AMENDMENTS OF 1987**

Public Law 100-146
100th Congress

An Act

Oct. 29, 1987
[S. 1417]

To amend the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act to extend the programs established in such Act, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

Developmental
Disabilities
Assistance and
Bill of Rights Act
Amendments of
1987.
Health and
medical care.
Handicapped
persons.
42 USC 6000
note.

SHORT TITLE

SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the "Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act Amendments of 1987".

REFERENCE

SEC. 2. Except as otherwise specifically provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or a repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act.

TITLE I—GENERAL PROVISIONS

FINDINGS AND PURPOSES

42 USC 6000.

SEC. 101. Section 101 is amended to read as follows:

"FINDINGS AND PURPOSES

"SEC. 101. (a) The Congress finds that—

"(1) there are more than two million persons with developmental disabilities in the United States;

"(2) persons whose disabilities occur during their developmental period frequently have severe disabilities which are likely to continue indefinitely;

"(3) notwithstanding their severe disabilities, these persons have capabilities, competencies, and personal needs and preferences;

"(4) family and members of the community can play a central role in enhancing the lives of persons with developmental disabilities, especially when the family is provided with necessary support services;

"(5) persons with developmental disabilities and their families often require specialized lifelong assistance to be provided in a coordinated manner by many agencies and others in order to eliminate barriers for such persons and to meet the needs of such persons;

"(6) generic service agencies and agencies providing specialized services to persons with disabilities sometimes overlook, inappropriately address the needs of, or exclude persons with