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# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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## SENATE PASSES BILL ASSURING EDUCATION FOR ALL HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Following adoption of two amendments introduced by Senator Bob Dole, the Senate today passed, by a vote of 83-10, the Education for All Handicapped Children Act. The bill, which authorizes \$6 billion over a four-year period, provides financial assistance to states for improved educational services for the handicapped.

One of Dole's amendments will give the compliance entity established in the Act, more flexibility in carrying out its duties. Dole, who was advised by Kansas educators that the entity or board would not be practical and would be essentially unworkable as originally established, said the amendment makes the legislation more "responsive to the needs of those who should be helped by the legislation." The compliance entity is designed to receive and act upon complaints from parents or guardians of handicapped children, with respect to alleged violations of the provisions of the new act. A compliance agency would be established in each state, and while, under Dole's amendment, they would still handle complaints, they will have more flexibility in taking steps to correct violations.

Dole's other amendment allows HEW more flexibility in developing guidelines under the new Act. "This flexibility," Dole said, "should help assure that more of the funds are spent directly on programs for the handicapped rather than bureaucratic procedures involved in administration of those programs."

The Kansas Senator said that while he shares some of the reservations and concerns about the bill as voiced by the Administration, it does represent "a significant and needed move forward toward the goal of quality education for all children."