



Overview of National Disability Legislation in Denmark

Denmark

Case study overview

Within Denmark, the higher education institutions are accountable for their actions through the **Ministry of Higher Education and Science**. As such, they are required to provide information and statistics on their operations. However, for students with disabilities then the numbers and statistics are provided by the **Danish Ministry of Education** (Specifically: **Kvalitets- og Tilsynsstyrelsen** – The Quality and Regulatory Authority). The Danish Ministry of Education (**The Quality and Regulatory Authority**) is the state body that provides policies and practices relating to student support, and it is this state body that authorizes grants relating to students with disabilities.

In Denmark, the first law on **special educational support** (SPS) referring specifically to higher level students with special needs was introduced on May 31, 2000. It is the Danish Ministry of Education who is the decision-making authority on special educational support for all students, regardless of their disability or place of residence – referring to The “Law on special educational support at higher level education” (Danish: **Lov om støtte ved videregående uddannelser**).

To continuously adjust and ensure relevance the law has since been revised a number of times with the latest version “The ministerial order on special educational support at higher



level education” (Danish: **Bekendtgørelse af lov om specialpædagogisk støtte ved videregående uddannelser**) dating July 1, 2014.

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