New law deprives special needs students of online schooling

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While millions of dollars in public education is now shared to provide online programs to all students, the mississippi Department of Education has lowered eligibility requirements for special needs students. Those with disabilities may now participate online, which is great, but what about those with the most special needs, those students who have the least access to basic educational opportunities.

While the law allows for students to attend online schools, it also states that the district must still provide services. This means that districts must continue to offer services to these students, but the law does not specify what those services must look like.

The implications of this law are significant, especially for students with the most severe disabilities. Many of these students rely on classroom teachers and special education staff to provide their education.

While some districts may be able to provide these services online, many others will not be able to. This will likely lead to a decrease in the quality of education for these students, as well as an increase in the number of students who drop out of school.

We must continue to advocate for these students and ensure that they have access to the education they need and deserve.

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