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In *Schaffer v. Weast*, 546 U.S. 49 (2005), parents of learning disabled student initiated a due process hearing pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act (IDEA) to challenge individualized education program (IEP) developed by school district. The Act is silent as to which party bears the burden of persuasion at such a hearing. The United States Supreme court ruled that the burden lies on the party seeking relief.

**Point of View: Macro View**

A major goal of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act is to establish a cooperative process between parents and schools in establishing a child’s education program. In practice, is the Act furthering these policy interests?