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H. R. 78

To require the Secretary of Education to conduct a study and submit a report to the Congress on methods for identifying and treating children with dyslexia in kindergarten through 3rd grade.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 6, 1999

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Early Detection of
5 Dyslexia in Children Act of 1999”.

1 **SEC. 2. STUDY AND REPORT BY SECRETARY OF EDUCATION**
2 **ON IDENTIFICATION AND TREATMENT OF**
3 **CHILDREN WITH DYSLEXIA IN KINDER-**
4 **GARTEN THROUGH 3RD GRADE.**

5 (a) **STUDY.**—The Secretary of Education, in con-
6 sultation with the National Academy of Sciences, shall
7 conduct a study on methods for identifying and treating
8 children with dyslexia in kindergarten through 3rd grade.

9 In carrying out the study, the Secretary shall consider—

10 (1) whether there is a biological basis for dys-
11 lexia;

12 (2) whether dyslexia is caused by—

13 (A) a brain-based phonological deficit that
14 prevents an individual from breaking down
15 written words into component sounds;

16 (B) post-natal experience, including inad-
17 equate instruction; or

18 (C) a combination thereof; and

19 (3) the cost of implementing a program on a
20 nationwide basis to identify and treat children with
21 dyslexia in kindergarten through 3rd grade.

22 (b) **REPORT.**—Not later than 120 days after the date
23 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Education
24 shall prepare and submit to the Congress a report contain-

1 ing the results of the study conducted under subsection
2 (a).

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