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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).

