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H. R. 73

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 3, 2001

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

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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 2001".

SEC. 2. STUDY AND REPORT BY SECRETARY OF EDUCATION ON IDENTIFICATION AND TREATMENT OF CHILDREN WITH DYSLEXIA IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH THIRD GRADE.

(a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Education, in consultation with the National Academy of Sciences, shall conduct a study on methods for identifying and treating children with dyslexia in kindergarten through third grade. In carrying out the study, the Secretary shall consider—

(1) whether there is a biological basis for dyslexia;

(2) whether dyslexia is caused by—

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

(B) post-natal experience, including inadequate instruction; or

(C) a combination thereof; and

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

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

1 taining the results of the study conducted under sub-

2 section (a).

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