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21st Century Dyslexia Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]	R · IN		Dec 2, 2021
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Dec 2, 2021
Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		Dec 2, 2021
Sen. Scott, Tim [R-SC]	R · SC		Dec 2, 2021
Sen. Hickenlooper, John W. [D-CO]	D · CO		Apr 25, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 2, 2021

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117 HR 7610	Identical bill	Apr 27, 2022: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

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This bill addresses the education of children with disabilities, with a particular focus on children with dyslexia.

Currently, dyslexia is listed as one of the disabilities under the definition of *specific learning disability* in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). This bill instead removes dyslexia from the definition of *specific learning disability* and establishes a stand-alone definition for *dyslexia* within IDEA.

Specifically, the bill defines *dyslexia* for purposes of IDEA as an unexpected difficulty in reading for an individual who has the intelligence to be a much better reader, most commonly caused by a difficulty in the phonological processing (the appreciation of the individual sounds of spoken language), which affects the ability of an individual to speak, read, and spell.

Additionally, the bill requires a local educational agency or other agency, in determining eligibility for or providing an accommodation or service under IDEA, to provide equal access to (1) children from low-income families or from families with low socioeconomic status, and (2) other children.

Actions Timeline

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