

117TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 7610

To amend the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to improve provisions relating to dyslexia, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 27, 2022

Mr. WESTERMAN (for himself, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. BUCSHON, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Mr. PALAZZO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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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 “21st Century Dyslexia  
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DYSLEXIA.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 602 of the Individuals  
8 with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1401) is  
9 amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (3)(A), by striking “or specific  
2 learning disabilities” and inserting “dyslexia, or spe-  
3 cific learning disabilities”;

4 (2) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-  
5 lowing:

6 “(4) DYSLEXIA.—The term ‘dyslexia’ means an  
7 unexpected difficulty in reading for an individual  
8 who has the intelligence to be a much better reader,  
9 most commonly caused by a difficulty in the phono-  
10 logical processing (the appreciation of the individual  
11 sounds of spoken language), which affects the ability  
12 of an individual to speak, read, and spell.”; and

13 (3) in paragraph (30)—

14 (A) in subparagraph (B), by striking “dys-  
15 lexia,”; and

16 (B) in subparagraph (C)—

17 (i) by striking “or of” and inserting  
18 “of”; and

19 (ii) by inserting before the period the  
20 following: “, or of dyslexia”.

21 (b) PROVISION OF ACCOMMODATIONS AND SERV-  
22 ICES.—The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act is  
23 amended by inserting after section 608 (20 U.S.C. 1407)  
24 the following:

1 **“SEC. 608A. PROVISION OF ACCOMMODATIONS AND SERV-**  
2 **ICES.**

3 “In determining eligibility for, or providing, an ac-  
4 commodation or service under this title, a local educational  
5 agency or other agency shall provide equal access, to the  
6 accommodation or service, to—

7 “(1) children from low-income families or from  
8 families with low socioeconomic status; and

9 “(2) other children.”.

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