

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 3302

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 2, 2021

Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. BRAUN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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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