



H.R. 3033 — READ Act (Smith, R-TX)

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FLOOR SCHEDULE:

Scheduled for consideration on October 26, 2015 under a suspension of the rules, which requires 2/3 vote for passage.

TOPLINE SUMMARY:

[H.R. 3033](#) would require the National Science Foundation (NSF) to devote funding specifically to support dyslexia research.

COST:

A Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimate is not currently available.

Rule 28(a)(1) of the Rules of the Republican Conference prohibit measures from being scheduled for consideration under suspension of the rules without an accompanying cost estimate. Rule 28(b) provides that the cost estimate requirement may be waived by a majority of the Elected Leadership.

CONSERVATIVE CONCERNS:

There are no substantive concerns.

- **Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?** Yes. H.R. 3033 would require the NSF to support additional research based on competitive awards regarding dyslexia. However, no increase in total authorization for the NSF is included in the bill.
- **Encroach into State or Local Authority?** No.
- **Delegate Any Legislative Authority to the Executive Branch?** No.
- **Contain Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?** No.

DETAILED SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS:

Dyslexia presents itself as a difficulty in reading in individuals who have the intelligence to read at a better level, affecting roughly [8.5 million school children](#) and roughly one in six Americans. Congress has a [Congressional Dyslexia Caucus](#) devoted to educating members and developing policies about Dyslexia.

H.R. 3033 would require the President's annual budget request to include a line item in its funding for the [Research and Disabilities Education Program](#). The measure would also require the NSF to dedicate a minimum of \$5 million of annually for dyslexia research out of the Research and Related Activities account or the Education and Human Resources Directorate, subject to the availability of funding for these accounts in annual appropriations acts. This research would focus on early identification, professional development, and curricula development. This legislation would authorize competitively awarded research projects

using appropriated NSF funds, however it would not provide any increase in the total authorization for NSF activities. In FY15, the Research and Related Activities account was funded at \$5.93 billion and the Education and Human Resources Directorate was funded at \$866 million.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

H.R. 3033 was introduced on July 13, 2015 and was referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, where it was reported as amended by voice vote on October 8, 2015.

ADMINISTRATION POSITION:

A Statement of Administration Policy is not available

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY:

According to the sponsor, Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution. No clause citing a specific enumerated power of Congress was included.

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