

H.R. 7890

SCIENCE OF READING ACT OF 2026

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BACKGROUND

- Reading is the foundation for learning, but too many American students are falling behind.
- In 2024, 40 percent of fourth graders scored below the basic level in reading on the Nation's Report Card.

THE PROBLEM

- For years, schools have used different approaches to teach children to read—including methods that encourage students to guess words using pictures or context instead of sounding them out.
- When kids do not learn to read well early on, they can struggle to keep up in every subject as they get older.

THE SOLUTION

- H.R. 7890, *Science of Reading Act of 2026*, prioritizes federal literacy funding for proven, evidence-based reading instruction.
- The bill promotes teaching skills like phonics, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension—and makes clear that federal literacy programs should not support the discredited “three-cueing” approach.

THE BOTTOM LINE

H.R. 7890 helps schools use proven methods to teach kids how to read—giving more students the strong start they need to succeed in school and beyond.