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To require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a study of, and report to the Congress on, the feasibility of using biometric devices to verify the identity of persons applying for or receiving aid to families with dependent children in order to reduce fraud in the welfare program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 25, 1994

Mr. LAZIO (for himself, Mr. KING, Mr. LEVY, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. PETRI, Mr. DORNAN, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. ZIMMER, Mr. WALKER, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. ARMEY, Mr. GINGRICH, Mr. CANADY, Mr. SHAW, Ms. DUNN, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. DELAY, Mr. HORN, Mrs. FOWLER, Mr. DUNCAN, and Mr. GEKAS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. STUDY OF THE FEASIBILITY OF USING BIOMET-**
2 **RIC DEVICES TO VERIFY THE IDENTITY OF**
3 **PERSONS APPLYING FOR OR RECEIVING AID**
4 **TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN;**
5 **REPORT TO THE CONGRESS.**

6 (a) **STUDY.**—The Secretary of Health and Human
7 Services shall conduct a study designed to determine—

8 (1) whether it would be feasible to reduce fraud
9 in the receipt of aid to families with dependent chil-
10 dren under any State plan approved under part A of
11 title IV of the Social Security Act by using biometric
12 devices to measure various physical characteristics of
13 the persons applying for or receiving such aid in
14 order to verify the identity of such persons; and

15 (2) if so, whether it would be appropriate to
16 enter into a contract with a private party or parties
17 to perform such identification.

18 (b) **REPORT TO THE CONGRESS.**—Not later than 6
19 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
20 Secretary of Health and Human Services shall submit to
21 the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Rep-
22 resentatives and the Committee on Finance of the Senate
23 a report on the results of the study required by subsection
24 (a).

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