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1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 612

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 20, 1995

Mr. MENENDEZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Ways and Means

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. PROVISION OF SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY IN-**  
2 **COME BENEFITS IN THE FORM OF VOUCHERS**  
3 **IN THE CASE OF A DISABLED CHILD WHO IS**  
4 **NOT INSTITUTIONALIZED AND WHOSE DIS-**  
5 **ABILITY IS DETERMINED SOLELY ON THE**  
6 **BASIS OF AN INDIVIDUALIZED FUNCTIONAL**  
7 **ASSESSMENT.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1611(b) of the Social Se-  
9 curity Act of (42 U.S.C. 1382(b)) is amended by adding  
10 at the end the following:

11 “(3)(A) Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) and (2), the  
12 benefit under this title for a qualified child who is eligible  
13 for benefits under this title shall be vouchers issued pursu-  
14 ant to subsection (j).

15 “(B) As used in subparagraph (A), the term ‘quali-  
16 fied child’ means an individual—

17 “(i) who has not attained 18 years of age;

18 “(ii) who has been determined under this title  
19 to be disabled solely on the basis of an individualized  
20 functional assessment; and

21 “(iii) who is not institutionalized.”.

22 (b) ISSUANCE OF VOUCHERS FOR COSTS OF OBTAIN-  
23 ING REQUIRED SERVICES THAT ARE NOT COVERED BY  
24 OTHER PUBLIC PROGRAMS.—Section 1611 of such Act  
25 (42 U.S.C. 1382(b)) is amended by adding at the end the  
26 following:

1       “(j)(1) The Secretary of Health and Human Services  
2 shall issue to each qualified child eligible for benefits  
3 under this title vouchers which may be used to cover the  
4 cost of any service that the Secretary determines is re-  
5 quired by the child as a result of the disability of the child,  
6 to the extent that the cost is not covered by any other  
7 public program.

8       “(2) The aggregate face amount of the vouchers is-  
9 sued with respect to a qualified child for any month shall  
10 equal the dollar amount of the benefit which would other-  
11 wise be payable with respect to the qualified child for the  
12 month.

13       “(3) The Secretary shall pay each provider of services  
14 who is approved by the Secretary an amount equal to the  
15 face amount of any voucher submitted by the provider to  
16 the Secretary.”.

17       (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
18 this section shall apply to benefits payable for months be-  
19 ginning more than 270 days after the date of the enact-  
20 ment of this Act.

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