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H. R. 2269

To require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study and submit a report on the effects of food additives on children’s health.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MENG introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Get Additives Out Act
5 of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. STUDY AND REPORT ON EFFECTS OF FOOD ADDI-**
7 **TIVES ON CHILDREN’S HEALTH.**

8 (a) STUDY.—Not later than 18 months after the date
9 of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of
10 the United States shall conduct a study—

1 (1) on the developmental and behavioral health
2 effects of food additives on children under 18 years
3 of age;

4 (2) on the physical health effects of food addi-
5 tives on such children;

6 (3) that assesses the capability of the Food and
7 Drug Administration to test and regulate the health
8 effects of food additives, including the extent to
9 which determinations that substances are not food
10 additives because the substances are generally recog-
11 nized as safe, within the meaning of section 201(s)
12 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21
13 U.S.C. 321(s)), inhibits that regulation; and

14 (4) that provides recommendations for improv-
15 ing the ability of the Food and Drug Administration
16 to conduct oversight and assure the safety of food
17 additives.

18 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the
19 date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
20 of the United States shall submit to the Commissioner of
21 Food and Drugs, the Committee on Energy and Com-
22 merce of the House of Representatives, and the Committee
23 on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate
24 a report on the results of the study conducted under sub-
25 section (a).

1 (c) FOOD ADDITIVE DEFINED.—In this section, the
2 term “food additive” has the meaning given such term in
3 section 201(s) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic
4 Act (21 U.S.C. 321(s)).

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