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To improve education and provide all students in the United States with the opportunity to succeed.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. COONS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BROWN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. LEVIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 “Strengthen our Schools
5 and Students Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF THE SENATE.**

7 It is the sense of the Senate that Congress should—

1 (1) strengthen early learning programs to bet-
2 ter prepare children for success in school;

3 (2) ensure that all students have equitable ac-
4 cess to a high-quality, well-rounded education that
5 prepares them to succeed in college and a career;

6 (3) build on recent efforts to continue to make
7 higher education more affordable and to improve ac-
8 cess and success for all students;

9 (4) provide all teachers with the support they
10 need to ensure student success, including the cre-
11 ation of a new national Science, Technology, Engi-
12 neering, and Mathematics (STEM) Master Teacher
13 Corps to recognize and help retain STEM teachers
14 and strengthen STEM education in public schools in
15 the United States; and

16 (5) support States and local educational agen-
17 cies to ensure schools have the safe and successful
18 learning conditions in which all students can excel.

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