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To amend title 18, United States Code, to make unlawful the tampering with computers of schools and institutions of higher education, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. TORRICELLI introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “School Website Protec-
5 tion Act of 2001”.

6 **SEC. 2. TAMPERING WITH COMPUTERS OF SCHOOLS AND**
7 **INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.**

8 (a) OFFENSE.—Subsection (a) of section 1030 of
9 title 18, United States Code, is amended—

1 (1) by striking the period at the end of para-
2 graph (7) and inserting “; or”; and

3 (2) by inserting after paragraph (7) the fol-
4 lowing new paragraph (8):

5 “(8) knowingly causes the transmission of a
6 program, information, code, or command, and as a
7 result of such conduct, intentionally affects or im-
8 pairs without authorization a computer of an ele-
9 mentary school or secondary school or institution of
10 higher education;”.

11 (b) PENALTIES.—Subsection (c) of that section is
12 amended—

13 (1) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “or (a)(6)”
14 and inserting “(a)(6), or (a)(8)”; and

15 (2) in paragraph (3)(B), by striking “or (a)(7)”
16 and inserting “(a)(7), or (a)(8)”.

17 (c) DEFINITIONS.—Subsection (e) of that section is
18 amended—

19 (1) in paragraph (8), by striking “and” at the
20 end;

21 (2) in paragraph (9), by striking the period at
22 the end and inserting a semicolon; and

23 (3) by adding at the end the following new
24 paragraphs:

1 “(10) the terms ‘elementary school’ and ‘sec-
2 ondary school’ have the meanings given such terms
3 in section 14101 of the Elementary and Secondary
4 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 8801); and

5 “(11) the term ‘institution of higher education’
6 has the meaning given that term in section 101 of
7 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
8 1001).”.

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