

Calendar No. 7111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION**S. 7**

To expand educational opportunities for all Americans by increasing access to high-quality early childhood education and after school programs, advancing reform in elementary and secondary education, strengthening mathematics and science instruction, and ensuring that higher education is more affordable, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 6, 2009

Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. DODD, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. McCASKILL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. BROWN) introduced the following bill; which was read the first time

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Read the second time and placed on the calendar

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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 “Education Opportunity
5 Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 It is the sense of Congress that the Senate and the
8 House of Representatives should pass, and the President
9 should sign into law, legislation to expand educational op-
10 portunities for all Americans by—

11 (1) increasing access to high-quality early child-
12 hood education and expanding child care, after
13 school, and extended learning opportunities;

14 (2) improving accountability and assessment
15 measures for elementary and secondary school stu-
16 dents, increasing secondary school graduation rates,
17 and supporting elementary and secondary school im-
18 provement efforts;

19 (3) strengthening teacher preparation, induc-
20 tion, and support in order to recruit and retain
21 qualified and effective teachers in high-need schools;

22 (4) enhancing the rigor and relevance of State
23 academic standards and encouraging innovative re-
24 form at the middle and high school levels;

1 (5) strengthening mathematics and science cur-
2 ricula and instruction; and

3 (6) increasing Federal grant aid for students
4 and the families of students, improving the rate of
5 postsecondary degree completion, and providing tax
6 incentives to make higher education more affordable.

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