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# S. 3542

To provide COVID-19 related assistance through a special earned income rule for purposes of the refundable child and earned income credits for taxable year 2020.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 19, 2020

Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. CASSIDY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “COVID-19 Earned In-  
5 come Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SPECIAL RULE FOR DETERMINING EARNED IN-**  
7 **COME.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—If the earned income (as defined  
9 in section 32(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986)

1 of a taxpayer for the applicable taxable year is less than  
2 the earned income (as so defined) of the taxpayer for the  
3 preceding taxable year, the credits allowed under sections  
4 24(d) and 32 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 may,  
5 at the election of the taxpayer, be determined by sub-  
6 stituting—

7 (1) such earned income for the preceding tax-  
8 able year; for

9 (2) such earned income for the applicable tax-  
10 able year.

11 (b) APPLICABLE TAXABLE YEAR.—For purposes of  
12 this section, the term “applicable taxable year” means tax-  
13 able year 2020.

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