

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To prohibit certain COVID–19 vaccination mandates for minors, and to require parental consent for COVID–19 vaccination of minors.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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 “Parental Rights Pro-
5 tection Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITIONS AGAINST COVID–19 VACCINATION**
7 **MANDATES FOR MINORS.**

8 (a) PROHIBITION AGAINST MANDATES.—Neither the
9 Federal Government, nor any agency, grantee, payee, or
10 recipient, including any State, local, Tribal, or territorial

1 governmental entity (including any local educational agen-
2 cy, as defined in section 8101 of the Elementary and Sec-
3 ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801)), that
4 receives any Federal funds from the Department of Edu-
5 cation or the Department of Health and Human Services
6 may require or otherwise mandate that any individual age
7 18 or younger receive a COVID–19 vaccine.

8 (b) PROHIBITION AGAINST SCHOOL MANDATES.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—A local educational agency
10 (as defined in section 8101 of the Elementary and
11 Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801))
12 that imposes a mandate requiring any students age
13 18 or younger to receive a COVID–19 vaccine shall
14 be subject to the penalty described in paragraph (2).

15 (2) PENALTY.—A local educational agency that
16 imposes a mandate described in paragraph (1) shall
17 not be eligible to receive funding under part A of
18 title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education
19 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7101 et seq.) or under part
20 A of title II of such Act (20 U.S.C. 6611 et seq.)
21 beginning on the later of—

22 (A) the date of enactment of this Act; or
23 (B) the date on which such mandate be-
24 comes effective.

1 (3) RESUMED ELIGIBILITY.—If a local educational agency ends the mandate described in paragraph (1) that local educational agency shall become eligible to receive the funding described in paragraph (2) as of the date on which that mandate is no longer effective.

7 **SEC. 3. PARENTAL CONSENT FOR VACCINATION OF MINORS.**

9 No COVID–19 vaccine may be administered to any individual age 18 or younger unless a parent, guardian, conservator, or attorney-in-fact of the minor provides prior, written, informed consent for the minor to receive such vaccine.

14 **SEC. 4. APPLICABLE VACCINES.**

15 For purposes of sections 2 and 3, the term “COVID–19 vaccine” means any vaccine against COVID–19 that only received authorization by the Food and Drug Administration through an emergency use authorization pursuant to section 564 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 360bbb–3), or that has received such authorization prior to receiving full approval or licensure under section 505 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 355) or section 351 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 262).