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S. 165

To prohibit the use of Federal and local funds to impose or enforce a COVID–19 vaccine mandate in District of Columbia schools, and to repeal the Coronavirus Immunization of School Students and Early Childhood Workers Regulation Amendment Act of 2021 enacted by the District of Columbia Council.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 31, 2023

Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. LEE, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. HAWLEY, and Mr. SCOTT of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

A BILL

To prohibit the use of Federal and local funds to impose or enforce a COVID–19 vaccine mandate in District of Columbia schools, and to repeal the Coronavirus Immunization of School Students and Early Childhood Workers Regulation Amendment Act of 2021 enacted by the District of Columbia Council.

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 “Let Them Learn Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FEDERAL AND LOCAL**
2 **FUNDS TO IMPOSE OR ENFORCE COVID-19**
3 **VACCINE MANDATE IN DISTRICT OF COLUM-**
4 **BIA SCHOOLS.**

5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) COVERED SCHOOL.—The term “covered
7 school” means an elementary school or a secondary
8 school, as those terms are defined in section 8101 of
9 the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of
10 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801), in the District of Columbia.

11 (2) COVID-19 VACCINE.—The term “COVID-
12 19 vaccine” means any vaccine for the prevention of
13 Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) caused by
14 severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2
15 (SARS-CoV-2) that is approved under section 351
16 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 262) or
17 section 505 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cos-
18 metic Act (21 U.S.C. 355) or authorized for emer-
19 gency use under section 564 of the Federal Food,
20 Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 360bbb-3).

21 (b) PROHIBITION.—No Federal or local funds may
22 be used by the District of Columbia or a covered school
23 to impose or enforce a COVID-19 vaccine requirement on
24 a student in connection with enrollment by the student
25 in a covered school, including any requirement that a stu-
26 dent receive a COVID-19 vaccine in order to be able to

1 attend in-person classroom instruction or participate in
2 any school-related activity on or off campus, including an
3 athletic or academic competition.

4 **SEC. 3. REPEAL OF CORONAVIRUS IMMUNIZATION OF**
5 **SCHOOL STUDENTS AND EARLY CHILDHOOD**
6 **WORKERS REGULATION AMENDMENT ACT OF**
7 **2021.**

8 The Coronavirus Immunization of School Students
9 and Early Childhood Workers Regulation Amendment Act
10 of 2021 (D.C. Law 24–85), enacted by the District of Co-
11 lumbia Council on January 12, 2022, and effective on
12 March 2, 2022, shall have no force or effect.

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