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118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To require the Comptroller General of the United States to submit a report on the public health mitigation messaging and guidance of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. CRENSHAW introduced the following bill; which was 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 “Restore Public Health
5 Institution Trust Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON CDC PUBLIC HEALTH MITIGATION MES-**
2 **SAGING AND GUIDANCE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the
4 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
5 of the United States shall submit to the appropriate com-
6 mittees of Congress a report on the public health mitiga-
7 tion messaging, decision making, and guidance of the Cen-
8 ters for Disease Control and Prevention (referred to in
9 this section as the “CDC”). Such report shall—

10 (1) consider—

11 (A) the data being used by the CDC to
12 make recommendations;

13 (B) the impact that inconsistent messaging
14 has had on—

15 (i) the level of trust Americans have
16 in the CDC; and

17 (ii) the willingness of Americans to
18 follow CDC guidance, including with re-
19 spect to COVID–19 vaccine uptake;

20 (C) the impact that inconsistent messaging
21 with regard to the efficacy of COVID–19 vac-
22 cines and Federal mandates for receiving such
23 vaccines has had on attitudes about immuniza-
24 tion, both in general and specifically for—

25 (i) the school-age population; and

1 (ii) vaccines on the recommended im-
2 munization schedules for children, adoles-
3 cents, and adults of the Advisory Com-
4 mittee on Immunization Practices of the
5 CDC; and

6 (D) the degree to which outside entities
7 (such as teachers unions) were in a position to
8 impact recommendations made by the CDC;
9 and

10 (2) contain recommendations to improve the ap-
11 proach of the CDC relating to messaging, decision
12 making, and the issuance of guidance in the future.

13 (b) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “appro-
14 priate committees of Congress” means—

15 (1) the Committee on Health, Education,
16 Labor, and Pensions of the Senate;

17 (2) the Committee on Small Business of the
18 Senate;

19 (3) the Committee on Appropriations of the
20 Senate;

21 (4) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
22 Transportation of the Senate;

23 (5) the Committee on Education and the Work-
24 force of the House of Representatives;

- 1 (6) the Committee on Small Business of the
- 2 House of Representatives;
- 3 (7) the Committee on Appropriations of the
- 4 House of Representatives; and
- 5 (8) the Committee on Energy and Commerce of
- 6 the House of Representatives.