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

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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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 “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 edu-  
2           cational agency ends the mandate described in para-  
3           graph (1) that local educational agency shall become  
4           eligible to receive the funding described in paragraph  
5           (2) as of the date on which that mandate is no  
6           longer effective.

7 **SEC. 3. PARENTAL CONSENT FOR VACCINATION OF MI-**  
8           **NORS.**

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

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

15          For purposes of sections 2 and 3, the term “COVID–  
16          19 vaccine” means any vaccine against COVID–19 that  
17          only received authorization by the Food and Drug Admin-  
18          istration through an emergency use authorization pursu-  
19          ant to section 564 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cos-  
20          metic Act (21 U.S.C. 360bbb–3), or that has received such  
21          authorization prior to receiving full approval or licensure  
22          under section 505 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cos-  
23          metic Act (21 U.S.C. 355) or section 351 of the Public  
24          Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 262).