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S. 1166

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 SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 17, 2023

Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. DAINES, Mr. CRAMER, and Mr. BRAUN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 Workforce
24 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.

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