

HR 5829

COVID-19 Individual Liberty Act of 2021

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Nov 3, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Timmons, William R. IV [R-SC-4]

Party: Republican • **State:** SC • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Norman, Ralph [R-SC-5]	R · SC		Nov 4, 2021
Rep. Donalds, Byron [R-FL-19]	R · FL		Nov 15, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 2, 2021
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 3, 2021
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 2, 2021
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 2, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill nullifies executive orders and otherwise limits the authority of the federal government and federally funded entities to mandate COVID-19 vaccines and other prevention measures.

Specifically, the bill nullifies two executive orders issued on September 9, 2021, which (1) mandate COVID-19 vaccines for federal employees, and (2) require federal contractors to comply with workplace safety guidance for preventing COVID-19.

In addition, the bill bars the use of federal funds for implementing or enforcing a COVID-19 vaccine mandate, including employer-based mandates. The bill also prohibits requiring, as a condition of participation in Medicare or Medicaid, that health care providers mandate COVID-19 vaccinations for their employees.

Furthermore, the federal government may not (1) issue any standardized documentation that certifies an individual's COVID-19 vaccination status to a third party, or (2) condition the provision of any service or benefit on the receipt of documentation certifying an individual's COVID-19 vaccination status or post-transmission recovery. These prohibitions apply to state, tribal, and local governments (excluding schools and institutions of higher education) as a condition of receiving federal COVID-19 relief funds.

The bill also requires the Department of Health and Human Services to publish guidelines on the extent to which natural immunity to COVID-19 prevents contracting or spreading the disease.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 3, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Nov 2, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 2, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Reform, Education and Labor, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Nov 2, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.