

HR 7423

America Reopens Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Apr 7, 2022)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Gimenez, Carlos A. [R-FL-26]

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

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Cammack, Kat [R-FL-3]	R · FL		Apr 6, 2022
Rep. Donalds, Byron [R-FL-19]	R · FL		Apr 6, 2022
Rep. Salazar, Maria Elvira [R-FL-27]	R · FL		Apr 6, 2022
Rep. Davis, Rodney [R-IL-13]	R · IL		Apr 14, 2022
Rep. Keller, Fred [R-PA-12]	R · PA		Apr 25, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 6, 2022
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 7, 2022
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 6, 2022
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 7, 2022
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Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill restricts the implementation and enforcement of various COVID-19 response measures in transportation, education, and other areas.

Specifically, the bill prohibits any federal agency or federally funded entity from requiring that U.S. citizens or permanent residents wear face coverings or show proof of COVID-19 vaccination or testing when using public conveyances (e.g., planes or trains) or transportation hubs when traveling domestically or returning from foreign countries. Further, Canadian and Mexican nationals may enter the United States for business through land ports of entry without regard to their COVID-19 vaccination status.

The bill also restricts federal funding of public institutions of higher education unless the institution (1) makes in-person instruction available to all students; and (2) allows students to opt out of COVID-19 requirements concerning vaccination, testing, and face covering. This restriction does not apply to distance education programs offered for reasons unrelated to COVID-19 or certain health-related educational programs. Additionally, the Department of Education must provide grants to parents for certain educational expenses, such as tuition at a private school, if their child lacks access to in-person instruction at a public elementary or secondary school due to COVID-19.

The bill also prohibits the use of federal funds to implement or enforce a system or plan for verifying an individual's COVID-19 vaccination status, such as vaccine passports.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 7, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.
- **Apr 7, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
- **Apr 7, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
- **Apr 7, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.
- **Apr 7, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 6, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 6, 2022:** Referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Energy and Commerce, and the Judiciary, 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.