

## HR 119

Freedom from Mandates Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Labor and Employment

**Introduced:** Jan 9, 2023

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Dec 17, 2024)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/119>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Biggs, Andy [R-AZ-5]

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

### Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Arrington, Jodey C. [R-TX-19]	R · TX		Jan 20, 2023
Rep. Cloud, Michael [R-TX-27]	R · TX		Jan 20, 2023
Rep. Clyde, Andrew S. [R-GA-9]	R · GA		Jan 20, 2023
Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-9]	R · AZ		Jan 20, 2023
Rep. Rosendale Sr., Matthew M. [R-MT-2]	R · MT		Jan 20, 2023
Rep. Lamborn, Doug [R-CO-5]	R · CO		Jan 24, 2023
Rep. Mooney, Alexander X. [R-WV-2]	R · WV		Jan 26, 2023
Rep. Massie, Thomas [R-KY-4]	R · KY		Jul 6, 2023

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 9, 2023
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 20, 2023
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 9, 2023
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 17, 2024

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Labor and Employment

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Freedom from Mandates Act**

This bill nullifies certain executive orders regarding COVID-19 safety and prohibits the Departments of Labor and Health and Human Services (HHS) from taking specified actions with respect to vaccination against COVID-19.

Specifically, the bill nullifies Executive Order 14042 (relating to ensuring adequate COVID-19 safety protocols for federal contractors) and Executive Order 14043 (requiring COVID-19 vaccination for federal employees).

Labor may not issue any rule requiring employers to mandate vaccination of employees against COVID-19 or requiring testing of employees who are unvaccinated.

HHS may not (1) require a health care provider, as a condition of participation in the Medicare or Medicaid program, to mandate vaccination of employees against COVID-19 or require testing of employees who are unvaccinated; or (2) otherwise penalize such a provider for failure to mandate such vaccination or require such testing.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Dec 17, 2024:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 20, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 9, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 9, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, Energy and Commerce, 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.