

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To require the Government Accountability Office 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

Mr. RUBIO introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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 2021”.

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 Government Account-
5 ability Office shall submit to the appropriate committees
6 of Congress a report on the public health mitigation mes-
7 saging, decision making, and guidance of the Centers for
8 Disease Control and Prevention (referred to in this section
9 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; and

20 (C) the degree to which outside entities
21 (such as teachers unions) were in a position to
22 impact recommendations made by the CDC;
23 and

24 (2) contain recommendations to improve the ap-
25 proach of the CDC relating to messaging, decision
26 making, and the issuance of guidance in the future.

1 (b) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “appro-
2 priate committees of Congress” means—

3 (1) the Committee on Health, Education,
4 Labor, and Pensions of the Senate;

5 (2) the Committee on Small Business of the
6 Senate;

7 (3) the Committee on Appropriations of the
8 Senate;

9 (4) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
10 Transportation of the Senate;

11 (5) the Committee on Education and Labor of
12 the House of Representatives;

13 (6) the Committee on Small Business of the
14 House of Representatives;

15 (7) the Committee on Appropriations of the
16 House of Representatives; and

17 (8) the Committee on Energy and Commerce of
18 the House of Representatives.