

117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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To prohibit the use of Federal funds to enforce the rule submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services relating to COVID-19 vaccine and mask requirements for Head Start programs.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. HOEVEN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. LANKFORD, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. MORAN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. SULLIVAN, and Mr. WICKER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 “Preventing Mandates  
5 on Toddlers Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON FUNDING THE HHS RULE ON**  
2 **HEAD START COVID VACCINE AND MASK RE-**  
3 **QUIREMENTS.**

4 Notwithstanding any other law, no funds appro-  
5 priated or otherwise made available to the Department of  
6 Health and Human Services shall be obligated or ex-  
7 pended to—

8 (1) implement or enforce the rule submitted by  
9 the Department of Health and Human Services re-  
10 lating to “Vaccine and Mask Requirements To Miti-  
11 gate the Spread of COVID–19 in Head Start Pro-  
12 grams” (86 Fed. Reg. 68052 (November 30, 2021));  
13 or

14 (2) promulgate, implement, or enforce any rule,  
15 regulation, or other agency statement, that is sub-  
16 stantially similar to the rule described in paragraph  
17 (1).