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# H. R. 117

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 9, 2023

Mr. BIGGS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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

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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. COVID RELIEF PACKAGE FUNDING RESTRIC-**  
4 **TION.**

5 (a) **FUNDING RESTRICTION.**—Any entity that re-  
6 ceives Federal funds from a COVID relief package may  
7 not mandate that any employee of such entity receives a  
8 COVID–19 vaccine.

1 (b) RETURN OF FUNDS.—Any entity that is in viola-  
2 tion of subsection (a) shall return any funds received from  
3 the COVID relief package to the Federal Government.

4 (c) COVID RELIEF PACKAGE DEFINED.—In this  
5 section, the term “COVID relief package” means any of  
6 the following:

7 (1) CARES Act (Public Law 116–136).

8 (2) Coronavirus Preparedness and Response  
9 Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020 (Public Law  
10 116–123).

11 (3) Families First Coronavirus Response Act  
12 (Public Law 116–127).

13 (4) Paycheck Protection Program and Health  
14 Care Enhancement Act (Public Law 116–139).

15 (5) Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021  
16 (Public Law 116–260).

17 (6) American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public  
18 Law 117–2).

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