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To direct the Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services to investigate and report on the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. GREENE of Georgia introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on 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

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 “Justice for Vaccine
5 Victims Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. INVESTIGATION ON VACCINE ADVERSE EVENT RE-**
2 **PORTING SYSTEM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Inspector General of the De-
4 partment of Health and Human Services shall investigate
5 the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System of the Cen-
6 ters for Disease Control and Prevention and Food and
7 Drug Administration.

8 (b) REQUIRED QUESTIONS.—

9 (1) INDIVIDUALS.—

10 (A) In conducting the investigation under
11 subsection (a), the Inspector General of the De-
12 partment of Health and Human Services shall
13 ask every individual who reported an adverse
14 event to a COVID–19 vaccine at a minimum
15 the following questions:

16 (i) Which COVID–19 vaccine did you
17 receive?

18 (ii) Which vaccine did you receive as
19 a booster shot?

20 (iii) Do you have any allergies or pre-
21 existing conditions?

22 (iv) Was the adverse event mild, such
23 as minor pain or swelling, or severe, such
24 as leading to hospitalization, disability, or
25 death?

1 (v) Can you describe in detail the
2 symptoms of the adverse event?

3 (vi) In detail, can you describe any
4 health problems you believe were caused by
5 the adverse event?

6 (vii) Are you aware of any other indi-
7 viduals within your community who had a
8 similar adverse event?

9 (viii) When receiving a vaccination did
10 you notice anything suspicious regarding
11 how the vaccination was administered?

12 (ix) How soon after the adverse event
13 did you report it to the Vaccine Adverse
14 Event Reporting System?

15 (x) Did you seek compensation for the
16 adverse event through the Counter-
17 measures Injury Compensation Program?

18 (xi) Would you be willing to testify
19 under oath to a congressional committee?

20 (B) If an individual described in subpara-
21 graph (A) is deceased, the Inspector General of
22 the Department of Health and Human Services
23 shall ask one or more of the individual's imme-
24 diate family members to answer (on the individ-

1 ual’s behalf) the questions listed in subpara-
2 graph (A).

3 (2) MANUFACTURERS.—In conducting the in-
4 vestigation under subsection (a), the Inspector Gen-
5 eral of the Department of Health and Human Serv-
6 ices shall ask each manufacturer of a COVID–19
7 vaccine that is distributed in the United States, at
8 a minimum, the following questions and requests:

9 (A) What are the ingredients in your
10 COVID–19 vaccine or vaccines distributed in
11 the United States?

12 (B) Can you provide all information relat-
13 ing to your manufacturing methods and your
14 data on the stability and safety of the product?

15 (C) What is the address of each of your lo-
16 cations involved in the manufacture of the vac-
17 cines?

18 (D) Did you include labeling of the vaccine
19 or vaccines containing a specific statement de-
20 scribing how suspected adverse events can be
21 reported?

22 (E) Can you provide substantive evidence
23 you have followed all Food and Drug Adminis-
24 tration guidance regarding product safety?

1 (F) How many adverse events did you re-
2 port to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting
3 System pursuant to section 2125 of the Public
4 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300aa–25) or
5 other applicable law?

6 (G) Are you conducting your own internal
7 review of any adverse events caused by the vac-
8 cine or vaccines?

9 (H) Are you ensuring that all public state-
10 ments regarding vaccine safety are accurate?

11 (I) Are you limiting reporting data regard-
12 ing adverse events?

13 (J) Would you be willing to direct rep-
14 resentatives to testify under oath to a congres-
15 sional committee?

16 (3) HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS.—In conducting
17 the investigation under subsection (a), the Inspector
18 General of the Department of Health and Human
19 Services shall ask a representative sample of health
20 care providers, at a minimum, the following ques-
21 tions:

22 (A) How many adverse events did you re-
23 port to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting
24 System pursuant to section 2125 of the Public

1 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300aa–25) or
2 other applicable law?

3 (B) What kind of compensation does your
4 facility receive for vaccine administration and
5 from which source or sources?

6 (C) Is your facility keeping a record of any
7 increase in hospitalization rates for individuals
8 with adverse events following vaccination?

9 (D) How many severe adverse events has
10 your facility encountered?

11 (E) How many mild adverse events has
12 your facility encountered?

13 (F) Has your facility determined if adverse
14 events are caused by an immune response to
15 the vaccine?

16 (G) Is your facility keeping a record of any
17 problems with vaccine administration?

18 (H) Is your facility keeping a record of all
19 breakthrough cases of COVID–19 in fully vac-
20 cinated patients?

21 (I) Has your facility terminated any health
22 care professionals who are opposed to vaccine
23 mandates or who have raised questions regard-
24 ing adverse events?

1 (J) Would you be willing to direct rep-
2 resentatives of your facility to testify under
3 oath to a congressional committee?

4 (c) REPORTS.—

5 (1) REPORT ON VAERS.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3
7 months after the date of enactment of this Act,
8 the Inspector General of the Department of
9 Health and Human Services shall—

10 (i) complete the investigation under
11 subsection (a); and

12 (ii) publish a report on the results of
13 such investigation.

14 (B) CONTENTS.—The report under sub-
15 paragraph (A)(ii) shall include the following:

16 (i) A list of all reported COVID–19
17 vaccine related deaths and injuries in
18 chronological order.

19 (ii) Transcripts of all interviews con-
20 ducted by the Inspector General pursuant
21 to this section with an individual described
22 in subsection (b)(1), a manufacturer de-
23 scribed in subsection (b)(2), or a health
24 care provider described in subsection
25 (b)(3).

1 (iii) A list of recommendations on how
2 the Centers for Disease Control and Pre-
3 vention and the Food and Drug Adminis-
4 tration can strengthen the Vaccine Adverse
5 Event Reporting System to be a more reli-
6 able method of obtaining information
7 about adverse events.

8 (iv) A determination on whether the
9 Centers for Disease Control and Preven-
10 tion or the Food and Drug Administration
11 is hiding data regarding adverse events.

12 (v) A determination on whether the
13 Food and Drug Administration is sup-
14 pressing data on the effectiveness of
15 monoclonal antibodies that are used to
16 treat COVID–19.

17 (vi) Recommendations on further ac-
18 tions the Congress can take when con-
19 ducting oversight regarding data collection
20 by the Centers for Disease Control and
21 Prevention and the Food and Drug Admin-
22 istration.

23 (vii) A determination on whether ad-
24 verse events are common or rare following
25 administration of a COVID–19 vaccine.

(viii) A determination of any causal relationship between any COVID–19 vaccine and specific adverse events using clinical, laboratory, or epidemiologic evidence.

(ix) A determination on whether adverse events are intrinsic to the COVID–19 vaccine (meaning provoked by the immune response caused by the vaccine) or related to faulty production or administration of the COVID–19 vaccine.

(2) REPORT ON INVESTIGATION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 months after publishing the report required by paragraph (1)(A)(ii), the Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services shall submit to the relevant congressional committees a report on the implementation of this section.

(B) CONTENTS.—The report under subparagraph (A) shall—

(i) specify, of the amount authorized by subsection (c)(1) to be appropriated to carry out this section, the total amount obligated and expended; and

1 (ii) describe how such amount was
2 used.

3 (d) SUBPOENA POWER.—The Inspector General of
4 the Department of Health and Human Services may, pur-
5 suant to authorities vested in the Inspector General by
6 other applicable law, issue subpoenas requiring the attend-
7 ance and testimony of witnesses and the production of any
8 evidence relating to any matter under investigation pursu-
9 ant to this section.

10 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—To carry out this section,
12 there is authorized to be appropriated \$100,000,000
13 for the period beginning on the date of enactment of
14 this Act and ending on the date of submission of the
15 report required by subsection (b)(2).

16 (2) OFFSET.—

17 (A) REPEAL OF DEDUCTION FOR CERTAIN
18 STATE AND LOCAL, ETC., TAXES OF INDIVID-
19 UALS.—Section 164(b)(6) of the Internal Rev-
20 enue Code of 1986 is amended by—

21 (i) striking “and before January 1,
22 2026—” and all that follows through “a
23 separate return.” and inserting “para-
24 graphs (1), (2), and (3) of subsection (a)

1 and paragraph (5) of this subsection shall
2 not apply.”; and

3 (ii) by striking “FOR TAXABLE YEARS
4 2018 THROUGH 2025” in the heading there-
5 of.

6 (B) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments
7 made by this paragraph shall apply to taxable
8 years beginning after the date of the enactment
9 of this Act.

10 **SEC. 3. TERMINATION OF COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMER-**
11 **GENCY DECLARATION UNDER PUBLIC READI-**
12 **NESS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**
13 **(PREP) ACT.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
15 Human Services shall—

16 (1) not later than 3 months after the date of
17 enactment of this Act, terminate the public health
18 emergency declaration issued in connection with
19 COVID-19 pursuant to section 319F-3 of the Pub-
20 lic Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d-6d); and

21 (2) not reissue any such declaration or any sub-
22 stantially similar declaration.

23 (b) CORRESPONDING TERMINATION OF LIABILITY
24 PROTECTION.—No immunity from suit and liability under
25 section 319F-3 of the Public Health Service Act (42

1 U.S.C. 247d–6d) shall apply with respect to the adminis-
2 tration to or the use by an individual of a covered counter-
3 measure if—

4 (1) the immunity relies on a declaration de-
5 scribed in subsection (a); and

6 (2) the administration or use occurs after such
7 declaration is terminated,

8 except that the Secretary of Health and Human Services,
9 pursuant to section 319F–3(b)(3)(B) of such Act (42
10 U.S.C. 247d–6d(b)(3)(B)), shall specify an additional im-
11 munity period of 3 months for the manufacturer to ar-
12 range for disposition of the covered countermeasure and
13 for covered persons to take such other actions as may be
14 appropriate to limit administration or use of the covered
15 countermeasure, as described in clauses (i) and (ii) of such
16 section 319F–3(b)(3)(B).

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