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Loychik, Gross, Dean, Schmidt, Merrin, Fowler Arthur, Swearingen, Richardson,
Creech**

A BILL

To enact sections 3792.05 and 4113.73 of the 1
Revised Code to enact the COVID-19 Vaccination 2
and Passport Protection Act to prohibit schools, 3
institutions of higher education, employers, and 4
places of public accommodation from requiring 5
COVID-19 vaccines or proof of vaccination. 6

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 3792.05 and 4113.73 of the 7
Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 8

Sec. 3792.05. (A) As used in this section: 9

(1) "Place of public accommodation" has the same meaning 10
as in section 4112.01 of the Revised Code. 11

(2) "Private college" has the same meaning as in section 12
3365.01 of the Revised Code. 13

(3) "Proof of COVID-19 vaccination status" means a paper 14
document or a digital application available on a smartphone, 15
tablet, or other device, that demonstrates, including through 16

the use of a scannable code, an individual's COVID-19 17
vaccination status. 18

(4) "School" means either or both of the following: 19

(a) A chartered nonpublic school as defined in section 20
3310.01 of the Revised Code; 21

(b) A public school as defined in section 3792.04 of the 22
Revised Code. 23

(5) "State institution of higher education" has the same 24
meaning as in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code. 25

(B) Notwithstanding any provision of the Revised Code to 26
the contrary, both of the following apply: 27

(1) No school, private college, or state institution of 28
higher education shall prohibit a student from enrolling in or 29
attending classes at the school, college, or institution for 30
either of the following reasons: 31

(a) The student has not been or will not be vaccinated 32
against COVID-19. 33

(b) The student refuses to show proof of COVID-19 34
vaccination status. 35

(2) No proprietor or employee, keeper, or manager of a 36
place of public accommodation shall deny a person the full 37
enjoyment of the accommodations, advantages, facilities, or 38
privileges of the place of public accommodation for either of 39
the following reasons: 40

(a) The person has not been or will not be vaccinated 41
against COVID-19. 42

(b) The person refuses to show proof of COVID-19 43

vaccination status. 44

Sec. 4113.73. (A) As used in this section: 45

(1) "Employer" means any person who has one or more 46
employees. "Employer" includes an agent of an employer, the 47
state or any agency or instrumentality of the state, and any 48
municipal corporation, county, township, school district, or 49
other political subdivision or any agency or instrumentality 50
thereof. 51

(2) "Proof of COVID-19 vaccination status" means a paper 52
document or a digital application available on a smartphone, 53
tablet, or other device, that demonstrates, including through 54
the use of a scannable code, an individual's COVID-19 55
vaccination status. 56

(B) No employer shall discharge without just cause, refuse 57
to hire, or otherwise discriminate against any person with 58
respect to hire, tenure, terms, conditions, or privileges of 59
employment, or any matter directly or indirectly related to 60
employment, for either of the following reasons: 61

(1) The person has not been or will not be vaccinated 62
against COVID-19. 63

(2) The person refuses to show proof of COVID-19 64
vaccination status. 65

Section 2. This act shall be known as the COVID-19 66
Vaccination and Passport Protection Act. 67