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H. R. 6619

To prohibit the Secretary of Education from providing Federal funds to a local educational agency unless in-person instruction is available to all students and parents may opt out of student mask mandates, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 7, 2022

Mrs. HINSON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Education and Labor

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 “Unmask Our Kids
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITIONS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—No funds shall be made available
3 under any applicable program to a local educational agen-
4 cy unless—

5 (1) in-person instruction is available to all stu-
6 dents at each public elementary school and sec-
7 ondary school under the jurisdiction of such agency;
8 and

9 (2) a parent of a student at any such school
10 may elect to opt out of any requirement that the
11 student wear a face covering.

12 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 (1) APPLICABLE PROGRAM.—The term “appli-
14 cable program” has the meaning given the term in
15 section 400(c) of the General Education Provisions
16 Act (20 U.S.C. 1221(c)).

17 (2) ESEA TERMS.—The terms “elementary
18 school”, “local educational agency”, “parent”, and
19 “secondary school” have the meanings given such
20 terms in section 8101 of the Elementary and Sec-
21 ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

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