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To provide that members of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices may not be terminated except for cause and to require the immediate reinstatement of the members of such advisory committee.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER introduced the following bill; which was read twice
and referred to the Committee on _____

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. MEMBERSHIP OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
4 **ON IMMUNIZATION PRACTICES.**

5 (a) REQUIREMENTS FOR TERMINATION OF MEMBERS
6 OF ACIP.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
8 Human Services (referred to in this section as the

1 “Secretary”) may only terminate a member of the
2 Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (re-
3 ferred to in this section as the “Advisory Com-
4 mittee”) for cause and after notice and opportunity
5 for hearing.

6 (2) JUSTIFICATION FOR TERMINATION.—If the
7 Secretary terminates a member of the Advisory
8 Committee for cause as described in paragraph (1),
9 not later than 1 day after the date of such termi-
10 nation, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee
11 on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the
12 Senate and the Committee on Energy and Com-
13 merce of the House of Representatives, and make
14 publicly available, a written justification for such
15 termination.

16 (3) EFFECT ON FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.—With
17 respect to a member of the Advisory Committee who
18 is also an employee of the Federal Government, a
19 termination for cause as described in paragraph (1)
20 shall apply only with respect to the membership of
21 the individual as such a member and may not be
22 construed to modify or otherwise impact any protec-
23 tion available to the individual in the capacity of the
24 individual as such an employee.

1 (4) DEFINITION OF FOR CAUSE.—In this sub-
2 section, the term “for cause”, with respect to a ter-
3 mination of a member of the Advisory Committee,
4 means a termination based on inefficiency, neglect of
5 duty, or malfeasance in office.

6 (b) REINSTATEMENT OF CERTAIN ACIP MEM-
7 BERS.—The Secretary shall immediately revert to the
8 membership of the Advisory Committee as in effect on
9 June 8, 2025, and such members of such Committee shall
10 serve the remainder of the terms that applied to such
11 members as of June 9, 2025.

12 (c) REQUIREMENTS FOR APPOINTMENT OF MEM-
13 BERS OF ACIP.—In the case of any vacancy in the mem-
14 bership of the Advisory Committee that occurs after the
15 date on which the individuals are reinstated to the Advi-
16 sory Committee under subsection (b), the Secretary shall
17 appoint a member to fill such vacancy from among individ-
18 uals recommended by the Comptroller General of the
19 United States.