

## AIM Legislative Round-Up: March 25, 2024

Since our last update, six state's legislative sessions ended and one state's began for a total of 38 state legislative sessions currently underway. A significant amount of vaccine-related policy remains in the pipeline, with key bills summarized below.

<u>Connecting the Dots: Legislative Sessions</u> is a compilation of resources to equip AIM members with information to respond to and prepare for legislative inquiries. Please reach out to AIM Chief Policy and Government Relations Officer Brent Ewig at <u>bewig@immunizationmanagers.org</u> if you need any assistance with bills in your jurisdiction.

## Vaccine-Related Legislation Movement: March 7 - March 20, 2024

The bar chart below details the status of the bills introduced in this time period and the map chart details the total number of bills per state during this time period regardless of status.

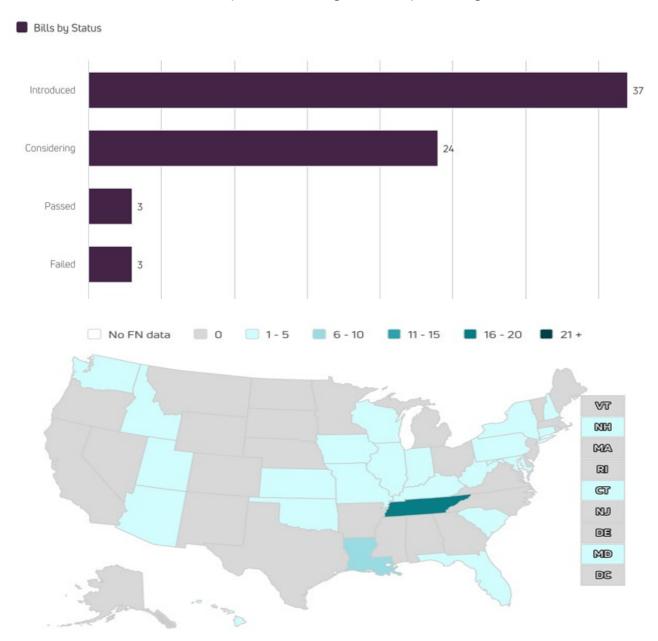


Chart and map source: FiscalNote Software Report

## Passed:

- WV HB 5105- Final version did not include individual religious exemptions but does allow virtual public-school students to be exempt from vaccine requirements, and for private and parochial schools to institute their own policies (unless students participate in activities with other schools).
- **UT HB 405** The bill adds medical, religious, and personal exemptions to medical student vaccine requirements.
- WA SB 5982- The bill simplifies the definition of vaccine as any "immunization" approved by FDA and recommended by CDC.

## Common Themes Amongst Other Proposed Bills:

Pharmacist Vaccination: HI HB 2553, MD HB 76, MD SB 18, KY HB 274 would allow pharmacists to vaccinate down to age three. SC H 3988 would allow pharmacists to vaccinate down to age 16 (12 for influenza). NH SB 402 would allow pharmacists to administer any FDA approved/ACIP recommended vaccine (to those 18 and older). MO SB 1455 adds chikungunya to the list of vaccines pharmacists can administer.

mRNA-Specific Policy: MO SB 1429 would require blood banks to test donated blood for COVID-19 or other mRNA vaccines. AZ HB 2406, AZ SB 1146, TN SB 1760, and TN HB 1945 would require that manufactures disclose on their website, or food packaging, whether livestock received mRNA vaccines.

Vaccine Requirements: IA HF 2280 removes the requirement for parents enrolling their student in private school from providing the district with proof of immunization. LA HB 246 prohibits COVID-19 vaccine school requirements. NH HB 1213 removes immunization requirements at childcare facilities.

IIS Inclusion and Reports: TN SB 2151, TN SB 2519, TN HB 2861, and TN HB 2664 all would require an electronic copy of an annual report on immunization rates of children, by county, be provided to the governor and the speakers of the senate and the house of representatives. FL SB 680 would have prohibited the health department from requiring enrollment in the state's immunization registry but died in committee.

Anti-Discrimination Due to Vaccine Status: MO HR 4210 would compensate military members terminated for not receiving a COVID-19 vaccine. SC S 965 would state that one's vaccination status couldn't be used to determine unemployment benefits and prohibits COVID-19 vaccine mandates in any state entity (including schools). TN HB 1726 and TN SB 2358 would establish that one's vaccination status cannot be a requirement for adopting or fostering a child.

**Please Note:** AIM is striving to monitor fast-moving state legislative developments. The information included in this summary may not be comprehensive and is subject to change. Visit our <u>Policy Toolkit</u> to view all our legislative resources. If you are aware of missing information or need individualized support, please contact our Chief Policy and Government Relations Officer Brent Ewig (<u>bewig@immunizationmanagers.org</u>)