AIM Legislative Round-up: April 22, 2024

Since our last Round-up on April 8, five state legislative sessions ended, and one state's legislative session began. The amount of new vaccine-related legislation being introduced has significantly decreased but numerous bills are still being considered across the country. Key legislation is summarized below.

Connecting the Dots: Legislative Sessions 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 Officer Brent Ewig at bewig@immunizationmanagers.org if you need any assistance with bills in your jurisdiction.

Vaccine-Related Legislation Movement: April 4 – April 17, 2024
The map chart details the total number of bills per state during this period regardless of status.

Passed:
- **MD SB 210**: Extends the authority of paramedics to administer influenza and COVID-19 vaccines under certain circumstances until 2030.
- **TN SB 2359**: Prohibits immunization requirements as a condition of adopting or overseeing a child in foster care.
- **VA HB 1279**: Requires the Health and Education Departments to make Certificates of Immunization more user friendly (digital and print versions/streamline the process).

Source: FiscalNote Software Report
Newly Introduced:

- **CO HCR 24-1005**: Would establish a parental bill of rights that affirms medical and religious immunization exemptions as well as data collection opt-out.
- **NY A 9802**: Would allow medical assistants to draw and administer vaccines in certain supervised settings.
- **LA HB 866**: Would prohibit employment termination, denying of public services, segregation, discrimination, and penalties against someone who refuses vaccination.
- **NJ A 4109**: Would allow paramedics to administer vaccines during outbreaks.

Failed:

- **AZ SB 1146** was vetoed by the governor. It would have allowed meat products from animals that did not receive mRNA vaccinations to be labeled as “mRNA Free.”
- 16 vaccine-related bills in Wisconsin failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution. These bills would have:
  - Prohibited any new vaccine requirements (**WI SB 228** & **WI AB 229**)
  - Recognized August as Immunization Awareness Month (**WI AJR 72** & **WI SJR 65**)
  - Required physicians to vaccinate individuals 16+ even if their parent did not consent (**WI SB 428** & **WI AB 428**)
  - Established a program that provides vaccines to individuals who are not eligible for federal programs (**WI AB 427** & **WI SB 418**)
  - Eliminated philosophical vaccine exemptions (**WI AB 429** & **WI SB 442**)
  - Required workplace vaccine requirement exemptions (**WI AB 612** & **WI SB 921**)
  - Added injury caused by an employer vaccine requirement to the workers compensation program (**WI AB 613** & **WI SB 923**)
  - Required immunization requirement waivers at institutes of higher education that receive public funding (**WI SB 920**)
  - Required parents be notified of vaccination events at their child’s school (**WI SB 489**)

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 Policy Toolkit to view all our legislative resources. If you are aware of missing information or need individualized support, please contact our Chief Policy Officer Brent Ewig (bewig@immunizationmanagers.org)