

AIM Legislative Round-up: April 4, 2025

As many states enter the homestretch of their legislative sessions, a clearer picture is emerging of which bills are likely to succeed. AIM is now tracking **510** vaccine-related bills this session (a **40%** increase from all bills tracked last year). A summary of new legislative movement over the last two weeks is provided below.

Are you being asked to develop talking points or provide testimony for a vaccine-related bill? Visit our <u>Policy Toolkit</u> or reach out to <u>Brent Ewig</u> for individualized support.

Legislation Enacted (5 bills):

- <u>ID H 290</u>: Removes the responsibility of the board of health to determine the school/daycare vaccine schedule, listing certain vaccines directly in the statute.
- ND SB 2555: Specifies that the State Health Officer serves at the pleasure of the governor in relation to their capacity, role and decision-making authority.
- TN HB 1157: Prohibits the state or local health department from promoting, distributing or endorsing FDA regulated products outside of their labeling. (specifically noting previous promotion of COVID-19 vaccines as justification)
- <u>UT HB 84</u>: Requires any food intended for human consumption that contains vaccine or vaccine material be considered a drug.
- <u>UT HB 228</u>: Removes any expiration of student vaccine exemption forms and requires that schools transfer such exemption if a student change schools.

Legislation Vetoed (1 bill):

• **ID S 1023**: Would have prohibited the mandate of any medical intervention by the state, including vaccination. [Note: Instead of a veto override attempt, Idaho Senators introduced a new bill, ID S 1210, that would include a carve out for daycares and schools. The House also reintroduced their own version, ID H 472. Both have passed their respective chambers and need to be reconciled.]

Legislation Passed Both Chambers [Enacted pending governor signature/veto] (4 bills):

- CO HB 25-1027: Makes a variety of changes to immunization statutes, including allowing PAs to create certificates of immunization and extending the deadline to notify parents of their school's vaccination rate.
- **HI SB 1434**: Establishes a Universal Purchase Program for vaccines in the state using insurer assessed funds.
- MS HB 1127: Establishes the COVID-19 Mississippi Local Provider Innovation Grant Program.
- ND HB 1454: Prohibits vaccine requirements without religious and philosophical exemptions, excluding certain settings (like schools and healthcare facilities) and authorizing suspension during a public health emergency.

Legislation Passed First Chamber (9 bills):

- AL SB 85: Would specify a written declaration from a parent/guardian is sufficient for a religious vaccine exemption and require that colleges/universities also offer such religious exemptions.
- IA SF 180: Would specify one's right to refuse any medical service (including vaccines) if approved under EUA, prohibiting discrimination against those who do.
- ME LD 917 (HP 852): Would repeal a provision of law stating that healthcare providers can't charge uninsured patients for COVID-19 vaccines.
- NH HB 679: Would prohibit any vaccine requirement if the vaccine's clinical trials have not been shown to prevent disease transmission.
- NH HB 358: Would remove the form necessary to obtain a K-12 religious exemption, stating a signed parental statement is all that is needed.
- NH HB 357: Would remove the authority of the commissioner of health and human services to adopt rules requiring additional vaccines (outside of current statute) for school entry.
- RI HB 5427: Would allow pharmacists to administer COVID-19 vaccines to those 9 years and older (currently can just do flu).
- WV SB 517: Would require medical professionals submit suspected vaccine adverse events to the bureau of public health (to develop an annual report for the legislature) and receive formal training on the negative side effects of vaccines every five years.
- **WV SB 904:** Would move several vaccine-related public health authorities from the Public Health Commissioner to the State Health Officer.

Legislation Newly Introduced (28 new bills):

- New bills span a variety of common themes that we have seen before, including:
 - Expanding various profession's ability to vaccinate (NY S 6744, NY S 7025, & NC HB 736)
 - Prohibiting discrimination or service refusal based on one's vaccination status (AL HB 520, MN HF 2815, NC SB 373)
 - Specifying vaccine coverage/reimbursement rates (CA AB 1366, RI SB 897, & SC S 531)
 - Prohibiting vaccine requirements (MN HF 2884 & NY S 7088)
 - Requiring broader vaccine exemptions (AL HB 503 & MT LC 1288)
 - Restricting the use of mRNA vaccines (MA H 2431 & SC H 4262)

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. If you are aware of missing information, please contact AIM Chief Government Relations and Policy Officer Brent Ewig (bewig@immunizationmanagers.org).