

AIM Legislative Round-up: May 2, 2025

Legislative movement has slowed down as many state legislatures near adjournment, but several of the **538** vaccine-related bills that AIM is tracking have recently faced key votes. 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 (4 bills):

- AR HB 1131- allows registered nurses to delegate vaccinating authority to medical assistants
- <u>SCS2</u>- specifies requirements of informed consent for vaccination
- TN SB 1272- states a child in state custody cannot be denied admission to any school if the child has not been immunized or can't produce their immunization records
- WA HB 1531- prohibits any additional (and nullifies any current) statutes, ordinances, rules, or policies that prevent health officials from implementing and promoting evidence-based measures to control the spread of communicable diseases, including through vaccination

Legislation Passed Both Chambers (8 bills):

- CO SB 25-196- would state that if ACIP is repealed, modified or otherwise no longer in effect, the commissioner can still require vaccines be covered by insurers
- **FL SB 110** would establish a Primary and Preventive Care Grant Program, which would provide funding to providers in rural parts of the state which could, in-part, be used to purchase vaccines
- FL SB 738- would remove the requirement that childcare facilities provide parents with influenza immunization information every August/September
- IA HF 299- would require any public communications about vaccine requirements to include information about vaccine exemptions
- MT HB 888- would prohibit local boards of health from requiring a vaccine as a condition of release from isolation and quarantine
- NH SB 60- would limit childhood immunization requirements to diseases identified in statute and remove the authority of the health commissioner to adopt rules requiring immunization for additional diseases (bill was originally about horse race betting, with vaccine-related amendments tagged on)
- **OK HB 1122** would remove proof of Hep B vaccination as an accepted substitute for a negative Hep B test for Oklahoma Athletic Commission events
- TN SB 263- would prohibit the enforcement and recognition of requirements or mandates issued by the World Health Organization

Legislation Passed First Chamber (12 bills):

- TX SB 407- would prohibit a healthcare facility from rejecting an individual's vaccine exemption
- FL SB 1270- would prohibit discrimination based on vaccine status, specifically mentioning mRNA vaccines
- FL SB 196- would require any food for human consumption that contains vaccine or vaccine material be considered a drug and be labeled accordingly
- **KS HB 2045** would change religious vaccine exemptions for childcare facilities to include sincerely held religious beliefs of the parent (currently must be that a parent is in a religious denomination who is opposed to vaccination)
- MI SB 107- would require insurers in the state cover ACIP-recommended vaccines at pharmacies within an insurers network
- MN HF 3022- would remove the authority of dentists to be able to administer COVID-19 vaccine (amongst other miscellaneous technical changes)
- **NV SB 294** would allow physician assistants to sign off on a child's certificate of immunization for school entry (*currently only physicians*)
- **OR HB 3824** would authorize physical therapists to vaccinate individuals 7 years and older (down to age 6 months for flu and down to age 3 during an emergency)
- TX SB 269- would authorize disciplinary action by the Texas Medical Board for failure to report suspected vaccine adverse events into VAERS
- TX SB 315- would establish individual property rights to one's DNA, prohibiting anything that would alter or modify it (using mRNA vaccine rhetoric)
- TX SB 401- would allow homeschool students to participate in public school athletics if they adhere to the same vaccination requirements
- TX SB 2375- would prohibit providers who take Medicaid or CHIP from refusing services based on an individual's vaccination status

Legislation Newly Introduced (11 bills):

- LA HB 655- would increase the patient fee for vaccines received at public health units to \$50 (currently \$10-\$20)
- MN HF 3219 & MN SF 3456- would designate mRNA vaccines as weapons of mass destruction and prohibit their use
- MN HF 3229 & MN SF 3429- would remove philosophical vaccine exemptions for the MMR vaccine
- MN HF 3240 & MN SF 3438- would establish a two-year grant program to address vaccine preventable disease outbreaks
- MT LC 979- would conduct an interim study on the state's COVID-19 response
- ME LD 1883- would establish a Maine State Health Plan for all residents, in part covering all childhood and adult vaccinations
- NY S 7729- would add rotavirus to the list of vaccines required for school entry
- VT SR 14- would urge USDA and CDC to expedite the establishment and implementation of an H5 vaccine reserve and distribution system for farms

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).