

AIM Legislative Round-up: May 16, 2025

Half of the state's legislative sessions have concluded for the year, with 25 states still underway. A summary of new legislative movement over the last two weeks for the **545** vaccine-related bills AIM is tracking 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 (6 bills):

- CO SB 25-196: States that if the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices
 (ACIP) is repealed, modified, or otherwise no longer in effect, the commissioner
 can still require that vaccines be covered by insurers
- MN HF 3022: Removes the authority of dentists to be able to administer COVID-19 vaccines (but they can still administer flu vaccines)
- OK HB 1122: Removes proof of Hepatitis B vaccination as an accepted substitute for a negative Hepatitis B test for participants in events sanctioned by the Oklahoma Athletic Commission
- TN SB 263: Prohibits using requirements or mandates issued by the World Health Organization as the basis for any action
- TN SB 827: Removes vaccine requirements for private schools that are fully online
- VT SR 14: Urges U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to expedite the establishment and implementation of an avian influenza vaccine national reserve and distribution system for farms

Legislation Passed Both Chambers (4 bills):

- FL HB 1299: Would prohibit discrimination based on vaccine status, specifically defining mRNA vaccines
- 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
- TX HB 1620: Would prohibit providers who take Medicaid or CHIP from refusing services based on an individual's vaccination status
- WI SB 31: Would authorize physician assistants and advanced practice nurses to supervise a school districts immunization program and issue orders for the administration of immunizations (as physicians currently can)

Legislation Passed First Chamber (11 bills):

• AL SB 101: Would state minors under the age of 18 can't consent to vaccination, unless they are married, divorced, pregnant, emancipated, or living independently. (the current law states minors who are 14 and older can consent to their own medical care)

- CA AB 1326: Would require that employees receive paid sick leave if attending an appointment to receive a vaccine during a public health emergency
- CA SJR 4: Would urge Trump administration to rescind National Institutes of Health (NIH) funding cuts, citing terminated grants related to vaccine hesitancy and mRNA vaccines
- LA HB 655: Would increase the patient's fee for vaccines at public health units to \$50 (currently \$10 for childhood vaccines and \$20 for travel vaccines)
- RI SB 166: Would allow pharmacists to administer the flu vaccine to patients of any age
- TX HB 1306: Would require any coroner, medical examiner, or death investigator employed by the state be offered preventative immunizations at no-cost (for diseases their duties might expose them to)
- **TX HB 1586**: Would require a blank vaccine exemption form be added to the health department website, and prohibit collecting/maintaining personally identifiable data of anyone who uses the form
- TX HB 4076: Would prohibit utilizing one's immunization status to make organ transplant decisions
- TX SB 2119: Would require exemptions of conscious to vaccine requirements at medical and veterinary schools
- TX HB 3540: Would let pharmacists vaccinate ages 3 and older for flu and COVID-19 (ages 5 and older for other vaccines)
- TX HB 4535: Would require an informed consent process before COVID-19 vaccine administration that includes the risks of COVID-19 vaccines, the expedited speed they were developed, whether long term studies have been conducted, vaccine manufacturer liability information and VAERS information

Legislation Newly Introduced (7 bills):

- LA HB 690: Would authorize the surgeon general to promulgate new rules regarding the administration of products under Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) (including vaccines)
- MA HD 4671: Would require food be labeled if it contains mRNA vaccine material
- MI HB 4475: Would add "vaccine status" as a protected class that can't be discriminated against
- MO HB 1195: Would restrict the authority of pharmacists to vaccinate in the state, defining vaccine types and ages in statute
- NY S 7823 & NY A 8383: Would remove reference to ACIP in the state's meningococcal vaccine recommendation
- NY S 7851 & NY A 8343: Would add failure to immunize one's child to the definition of parental neglect
- SC H 4562: Would prohibit prior authorization from insurers for vaccines recommended by ACIP

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).