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AIM Legislative Round-up: January 30, 2026

State-legislative sessions are rolling across the country, with vaccine-related bills being introduced in **36** jurisdictions thus far. AIM is currently tracking **257 bills** that were prefilled, introduced, or advanced in the legislative process since August 1 that could impact our members. An overview of the **98 bills** with legislative movement over the last two weeks is provided below.

Enacted: One Resolution

- [NY J 1396](#) establishes April 24-30 as Immunization week in New York state.

Passed First Chamber: One Bill

- [VT H 545](#) would remove mention of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) in statute (instead referencing the commissioner and other medical societies), allow the commissioner to enact standing orders for vaccination (providing associated liability protections to providers), require that commissioner-recommended vaccines be covered without cost sharing, and allow vaccine purchase outside of federal contracts.

Failed: One Bill

- [CA AB 1074](#) would have imposed a sanction on California's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program if a child's immunization status was not verified.

Newly Introduced: 50 Bills and Resolutions

- **Fifty** bills and resolutions were newly introduced by lawmakers, reflecting many of the same themes (and even identical language) as other vaccine-related legislation introduced thus far:
- **Requirements and Exemptions**
 - **Nineteen** new bills involve removing vaccine requirements or simplifying exemptions
 - **Seven** of these bills involve broad stroke removals or restrictions on vaccine requirements (AK HB 279, AZ HB 2248, AZ SB 1016, IA HF 2171, SD HB 1210, SD HB 1163, and WV HB 4510)
 - **Nine** of these bills involve exemptions to school vaccine requirements (HI SB 2472, HI HB 2166, IA S 2095, IA HSB 605, MS HB 1244, WI AB 891, WV SB 608, and WV SB 610) and **one** bill involves exemptions to college/university vaccine requirements (WV SB 609)
 - **Two** of these bills involve exemptions to employer vaccine requirements (KY SB 108 and WV SB 606) and **one** bill involves prohibiting vaccine requirements for hospital patient visitors (VA HB 1478)

- **Discrimination Due to Vaccination Status**
 - **Eight** new bills involve discrimination due to one's vaccination status
 - **Four** of these bills would add the right to refuse a vaccine to the state's constitution (IA SJR 2006, HI HB 2199, TN SJR 620, and WV HJR 24)
 - **Three** of these bills would prohibit providers from refusing to treat patients based on their vaccination status (AZ SB 1194, AZ HB 2335, and AZ HB 2005)
 - **One** of these bills would broadly prohibit discrimination and/or service refusal due to one's vaccination status (HI HB 2512)
- **Death Certificates**
 - **Eight** new bills involve the inclusion of vaccine receipt information on death certificates, largely identical language about needing to list immunizations received in the last 90 days (AZ HB 2774, MS HB 1180, MS HB 1283 MS SB 2457, MS SB 2481, TN SB 1948, WV HB 4195, and WV HB 4666)
- **Federal Government Response**
 - **Eight** new bills involve additional responses to the HHS vaccine schedule change
 - **Six** of these bills involve decoupling various statutes from ACIP in favor of the health department or alternative medical societies (CO SB 26-032, HI SB 3057, HI HB 2313, HI SB 3133, MD SB 385, and NM HB 156)
 - **Two** of these bills would remove Hepatitis B requirements, in line with ACIP (KY HB 466 and WV HB 4947) and joining NH, OK and VA who had previously introduced similar bills
- **Provider Reimbursement and Health Insurer Coverage**
 - **Four** new bills involve health insurance coverage and provider reimbursement decisions related to vaccine status
 - **Two** of these bills would prohibit health insurers from reimbursing providers differently based on their provider's patient panel vaccination rate (AZ AB 1212 and TN SB 2070), **one** of these bills would prevent vaccination from being required for insurer coverage (AZ HB 2336), and **one** of these bills would prohibit insurance claim denials because a patient was unvaccinated (MS HB 1184)
- **mRNA Vaccines**
 - **Four** new bills explicitly involve mRNA vaccines, including requiring that food products be labeled if they received an mRNA vaccine (AZ HB 2334), prohibiting their use entirely (TN SB 1767 and TN HB 1852) and seeking to classify them as weapons of mass destruction (TN SB 1949)
- **Vaccine Safety and Investigation**

- **Three** new bills involve vaccine safety and/or associated investigations
- **Two** of these bills would authorize or request investigations into COVID-19 vaccines (MS HB 1181 and WV HR 3) and **one** bill would require any liability shield product [defined as “a medical, pharmaceutical, biological, or technological product that has been designated as immune from liability under federal law”] in the state to have placebo-controlled trials and associated VAERS data analysis (WV HB 4643)
- **Other Themes**
 - **Four** new bills address other common vaccine-related themes, including increasing vaccine access (MS SB 2551), labeling blood donations for vaccine components (SD HB 1171), opting out of the state’s immunization information system (IIS) (MS SB 2553), and manufacturer liability for vaccine injury (WV HB 4681)

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 or have additional questions, **please contact AIM at info@immunizationmanagers.org.**