



AIM Legislative Round-up: January 16, 2026

With 34 state legislative sessions underway as of January 16, AIM is relaunching our biweekly Legislative Round-ups. These high-level overviews of vaccine-related legislation across the country are designed to provide a snapshot of AIM's state level bill tracking, with more frequent or specific bill analysis always available upon request.

AIM is currently monitoring 201 bills that were pre-filled, introduced, or advanced in the legislative process since August 1, 2025. AIM continues to monitor more than 300 vaccine-related bills introduced last year in the 26 states that carry bills over into a second year of legislative session. An overview of the **140** bills with legislative movement over the last two weeks is provided below.

Vaccine Requirements and Exemptions

- Bills seeking to remove vaccine requirements or expand vaccine exemptions continue to be the most common, with **19** bills identified
- **Five** bills involve the prohibition of COVID-19 vaccine requirements (*IN HB 1196, MO SB 1428, NJ S 2543, NJ S 114, and NJ S 878*)
- **Four** bills would broadly remove vaccine requirements in the state (*AZ HB 2086, AZ HB 2248, IN SB 174, and SC S 741*)
- **Three** bills involve simplifying the process to obtain a vaccine exemption for school requirements (*AL HB 24, UT HB 152, and WV HB 4073*)
- Additional bills in this category involve removing exemption and vaccine coverage reporting for schools (*WV SV 26, WV HB 4168, and WV SB 216*), hospital visitor requirements (*NJ S 785*), homeschool student vaccination (*MS SB 2070 and MS HB 609*), and school employee vaccine requirements (*WV HB 4146*)

Federal Government Response: Decoupling from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)

- **Seventeen** bills respond directly to recent policy actions at the federal level
- The majority, **13** bills, involve removing direct statute ties to ACIP, usually listing alternative medical societies like the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) as additional sources of recommendations (*AK HB 238, IN SB 221, NY S 8853, NJ S 4894, NJ A 6166, NJ S 3020, NY A 9060, NY S 8496, VT H 545, VT S 166, VTH 588, WA SB 5967, and WA HB 2242*)
- **Three** bills move the other direction, specifically seeking to remove Hepatitis B vaccine requirements in line with new ACIP recommendations (*OK SB 1568, NH HB 1719, and VA HB 983*)
- **One** bill (*NJ SR 23*) urges improvements to the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP) and broader vaccine safety procedures

Discrimination Due to Vaccination Status

- **Eleven** bills involve prohibiting discrimination due to one's vaccination status
- **Five** bills broadly prohibit discrimination (AL HB 12, AZ SB 1016, FL HB 917, FL SB 1756, and NJ S 69)
- **Five** bills specifically prohibit providers from refusing to treat patients due to their vaccination status (AZ HB 2335, AZ SB 1194, AZ HB 2005, MO HB 1679, and MO HB 2374)
- **One** bill (NJ S 1306) would establish a "Children's Vaccination Bill of Rights"

Vaccine Communications

- **Nine** bills involve vaccine communications, **six** restricting or specifying the type of information that patients must receive (FL HB 765, IA HF 2010, MO SB 1236, NJ S 1305, SC H 4803, and WA SB 5781) and **three** designating a month or week for immunization awareness (FL SR 1244, NY J 1396, and VA HJ 24)

Death Certificates

- **Nine** bills would require that immunization history, often boiler plate language specifying all vaccines received in the previous 90 days, be included in infant death certificates and subsequently analyzed (AZ HB 2774, AZ SB 1011, FL HB 819, FL SB 188, IA HF 2097, OK SB 1808, OK SB 1853, NJ S 766, and SC H 4630)

Vaccine Safety and Investigation

- **Six** bills involve the safety of vaccines and associated investigations
- **Three** bills would establish state-level version of VAERS (IN HB 1224, NJ S 767, and WV SB 415), **two** bills would study vaccine safety and/or labeling (MS HB 645 and VA HB 831), and **one** bill would require that vaccine manufacturers provide information about potential exposures to those who are unvaccinated (MO SB 1223)

Additional Themes and Broader Carryover Movement

- **Twenty-seven** bills are moving that reflect many of the same themes AIM identified last year
- **Four** bills involve vaccine cost and insurance coverage (AZ HB 2336, AZ AB 1212, ME SP 864, and NJ S 2629), **four** bills involve the authority of various professions to vaccinate (MO HB 2372, MO SB 841, NJ S 178, and WV SB 189), **three** bills would limit public health authority related to vaccination (IA HF 2087, NE LB 203, and NJ S 124), **three** bills would affect immunization information system (IIS) enrollment and utilization (NJ S 2987, NJ S 2434, and NJ S 1957), **two** bills involve mRNA food labeling (AZ HB 2334 and MO SB 1362) and **two** bills involve vaccine manufacturer liability (FL SB 408 and FL HB 339)
- **Forty-two** carryover bills introduced in New York state last year were reassigned to committee, a largely procedural step, covering many of the same themes as above (NYA 9140, NYS 7207 & NYA 3686, NYS 7729, NYA 8383 & NYS 7823, NY A 9077, NYS 8495, NYA 9260 & NYS 8716, NYA 1336 & NYS 4536, NYA 3839 &

NY S 5852, NY A 3807, NY A 765 & NYS 453, NY A 1908, NY A 8824 & NYS 8334, NY A 4207 & NY A 8261, NYS 8723, NY A 2297, NY A 7692 & NYS 5706, NYS 1570, NY A 3082, NY A 5194 & NYS 3964, NY A 5460, NY A 3359, NY A 4993, NY A 1358, NY A 2045, NY A 3254, NY A 4407, NYS 4644, NYS 8550, NYS 7087 & NYS 7088, NYS 7342 & NY A 4798, NY A 2045, NY A 9226, and NY A 2297)

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