



## AIM Legislative Round-up: February 13, 2026

AIM is currently tracking **339 bills** that were prefilled, introduced, or advanced in the legislative process since August 1 that could affect immunization programs. An overview of the **152 bills** with legislative movement over the last two weeks is provided below.

### Enacted: One Resolution

- [GA SR 669](#) recognizes February 5 as Cancer Prevention Day, noting the evidence-based strategy of HPV vaccination in the proclamation

### Passed First Chamber: 12 Bills

- [IA SF 304](#) would specify that vaccinations do not fall under the scope of STI prevention care that minors can consent to receive without parental approval
- [KS HB 2004](#) would require that the state health department share any data with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) if they request it within thirty days without any condition or limitations
- [NE LB 203](#) would require local health commissioners to receive written approval by a majority of publicly elected representatives before implementing certain health measures, including vaccine distribution
- [NH HB 1719](#) would remove the Hepatitis B vaccine requirement for schools
- [NH HB 1584](#) would require that all vaccine promotional materials include information about how to obtain an exemption to vaccine requirements and would simplify the process for obtaining a religious exemption (stating no form is needed, just any signed parental statement)
- [NM HB 156](#) would remove the expiration date from prior Special Session legislation that established the Department of Health's authority over vaccine requirements and purchases (rather than the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)). The underlying provision was passed in October.
- [NY A 4346](#) would allow pharmacists and certified nurse practitioners to administer mpox vaccines
- [NYS 4548](#) would allow dentists to administer HPV vaccines
- [TN HJR 908](#) would recognize March 4 as HPV Awareness Day, noting the importance of HPV vaccination in the proclamation
- [VA HJ 24](#) would designate August as Immunization Awareness Month
- [WA HB 2242](#) would remove mentions of ACIP in statute and allow for the department to purchase vaccines outside of federal contracts if needed
- [WI SJR 89](#) would designate October as Immunization Injury Awareness Month

### Newly Introduced or Prefilled: 58 Bills and Resolutions

- **Vaccine Requirements and Exemptions**
  - **Thirteen** new bills involve vaccine requirements and exemptions

- **Six** of these bills involve broad prohibitions on vaccine requirements or other medical mandates (GA HB 1242, IA SF 2211, IA HF 2368, ID H 574, OK SB 1560, and RI SB 3546)
- **Three** of these bills involve removing, prohibiting, or limiting school and childcare vaccine requirements (IA HF 2366, WV HB 5090, and WV HB 5338)
- **Two** of these bills involve expanding or modifying exemptions to school or childcare vaccine requirements (SC S 897 and WV HB 5378)
- **One** bill involves prohibiting colleges and universities from having vaccine requirements or related incentives (WV HB 5111)
- **One** bill would create a teacher's bill of rights, including the right to refuse a vaccine (OK SB 1237)

- **Death Certificates**
  - **Eight** new bills involve including vaccine receipt information on death certificates, largely mirroring previous language requiring that any vaccine received in the last 90 days be listed and reported to the national the Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID) and Sudden Death in the Young (SDY) Case Registry (LA SB 39, OK SB 1484, OK SB 1853, OK SB 1485, OK SB 1808, OK SB 1652, TN SB 2607, and WV HB 5031)
- **Federal Government Response**
  - **Six** new bills involve enacting changes to statutes in response to the federal government's changes to the vaccine schedule
  - **Five** of these bills seek to decouple statutes from ACIP (CT HB 5044, OR SB 1598, RI SB 2379, RI HB 7625, and RI HB 7540) and **one** bill seeks to align with the new schedule, attempting to remove both Hep B and Meningitis school vaccine requirements (WV SB 731)
- **Vaccine Communications**
  - **Six** new bills involve vaccine communications
  - **Four** of these bills specify additional requirements for communication that must be provided to achieve informed consent (LA SB 36, OK SB 1658, TN HB 853, and TN SB 259)
  - **Two** of these bills would proclaim additional days or weeks for vaccine awareness (GA HR 1202 and OR HB 4135)
- **Anti-Discrimination**
  - **Five** new bills involve prohibiting discrimination due to ones' vaccine status
  - **Two** of these bills would establish new bills of rights that limit vaccine mandates or discrimination, including a citizen's bill of rights and a parental bill of rights (OK SB 1785 and RI SB 2485)
  - **Two** of these bills would establish the right to refuse vaccines (OK SB 1656 and OK SB 2029) and **two** of these bills would prohibit or seek to rectify

past discrimination for refusing a COVID-19 vaccine (NJ SCR 93 and OK SB 1977)

- **Liability/Lawsuits**
  - **Five** new bills involve vaccine manufacturer liability for vaccine injury
  - **Three** of these bills seek to make manufacturers liable for vaccine injury if they advertise in the state (OK SB 1548, OK SB 1483, and OK SB 1549), **one** bill requires manufacturers to waive their immunity from the federal Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP) if they distribute vaccines in the state (IA HF 2287), and **one** bill states that the VICP would not apply in state courts (OK SB 2101)
- **Ability to Vaccinate**
  - **Four** new bills involve increasing pharmacists' ability to administer, order and/or reimburse for vaccinations (MD HB 1135, MD SB 773, RI SB 2386, and WY SF 121)
- **mRNA Vaccines**
  - **Three** new bills would prohibit the use of mRNA vaccines (AZ HB 2974, OK SB 1938, and OK SB 2017)
- **Other Themes**
  - **Eight** new bills involve other vaccine-related themes, including increasing reporting to (and from) the state's immunization information system (IIS) (AZ SB 1769 and AZ SB 1574), increasing vaccine access (IL SB 3487 and IL SB 3650), reducing fees associated with vaccination (AL SB 278 and NM HB 306), restricting public health authority (IA HSB 726), and prohibiting the sale of food if it contains a vaccine (IA SF 2180)

#### **Failed: 18 Bills**

- **Two** bills failed in California. CA SB 829 would have established state funding for the development, production, procurement, and distribution of vaccines. CA AB 1366 would have reimbursed pharmacists at the same rate as physicians for immunization administration in the state's Medicaid program
- **One** bill in Utah, UT HB 152, failed to advance out of committee. It would have repealed the requirement for parents to complete an online education module or attend an in-person consultation to obtain an exemption for their child to school vaccine requirements
- All **15** vaccine-related bills that AIM tracked in Mississippi failed to advance by the legislative deadline (MS SB 2070, MS HB 609, MS HB 645, MS HB 747, MS SB 2457, MS SB 2481, MS HB 1244, MS HB 1180, MS HB 1184, MS HB 1181, MS SB 2533, MS SB 2551, MS HB 1283, MS HB 783, and MS HB 811)

#### **Other Legislative Movement: 60 Bills**

- **Sixty** bills that were previously introduced and were captured in previous Legislative Round-ups had some other form of legislative movement, short of passing the entire chamber (i.e., additional readings, additional cosponsors, committee assignments, and/or committee votes).

**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 the Association of Immunization Managers ([info@immunizationmanagers.org](mailto:info@immunizationmanagers.org)).**