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AIM Legislative Round-up: February 27, 2026

We're in the thick of the 2026 legislative sessions, with hearings in full swing, bills moving through committee and chamber votes, and key procedural deadlines beginning to narrow the field of active legislation. AIM is currently tracking **375 bills** that were prefilled, introduced, or advanced in the legislative process since August 1, 2025, that could impact immunization programs. An overview of the **92 bills** with legislative movement over the last two weeks is provided below.

Enacted: 1 Bill and 3 Resolutions

- [NE LB 203](#) requires that local health commissioners must receive written approval by a majority of the publicly elected representatives of their county board and/or city council before implementing certain health-related measures, including vaccine distribution
- [MI HR 250](#) declared February 22-28, 2026, as School-Based Health Care Awareness week, noting children served by these clinics have increased immunization rates
- [NY J 1608](#) proclaimed June 2026 as Meningitis B Awareness month, noting the benefits of vaccination
- [WV SR 45](#) proclaimed February 23, 2026, as West Virginia American Academy of Pediatrics Child Health Advocacy Day, noting their legislative priority of maintaining strong immunization

Passed 2nd Chamber: 4 Bills

- [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 30 days without any condition or limitations
- [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.
- [NM HB 306](#) would prohibit healthcare facilities from charging any fees associated with receiving a vaccine in an outpatient setting
- [VT H 545](#) would remove mention of ACIP from statute (instead referring to the commissioner and alternative medical societies), authorize the commissioner to enact standing orders that provide liability immunity to providers who follow them, require coverage without cost sharing for vaccines the commissioner recommends, and allow vaccine purchases outside of federal contracts

Passed 1st Chamber: 4 Bills

- [AZ HB 2086](#) would prohibit all vaccine requirements in the state

- [AZ HB 2248](#) would broadly prohibit the requirement of any medical intervention in the state
- [OR SB 1598](#) would allow the public health officer to specify vaccines that require insurance coverage and to issue respective standing orders for their administration outside of ACIP
- [WY SF 121](#) would authorize pharmacists to vaccinate down to age 3 (currently age 7)

Newly Introduced or Prefiled: 23 Bills and Resolutions

- **Five** new bills involve states responding to changes in federal vaccine recommendations, including repealing required insurance coverage for vaccines without an ACIP recommendation (NJ A 4433), affirming the state's participation in the West Coast Health Alliance (HI SR 21-2026 and HI SCR 24-2026), requiring continued insurance coverage if ACIP recommendations are withdrawn (WI SB 1044), and establishing a state-based vaccine advisory council (MN SF 3859)
- **Three** new bills involve vaccine cost, including prohibiting health insurers from implementing cost-sharing for vaccines recommended by ACIP (MO SB 1705 and PA SB 1195) and directing a study regarding the compensation of pharmacists who administer vaccines (CT HB 5375)
- **Three** new bills involve vaccine requirements; one bill allowing homeschool students who follow them to participate in public school athletics (WV HB 5647), one bill broadly prohibiting them (GA HB 1350) and one bill exempting families participating in a reunification case plan from following them (CA AB 2510)
- **Two** new bills involve the inclusion of immunization receipt information on death certificates and subsequent investigations (GA SR 813 and GA SB 546)
- **Two** new bills would prevent the health department from promulgating rules that are more stringent than the requirements for claiming exemption from immunizations specified in statute (MI SB 797 and MI SB 798)
- Other new bills involve labeling vaccines if they were created using fetal cell tissue (ID S 1310), conducting a study on health outcomes between vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals (WV SB 992), requiring local health departments to include information about obtaining an exemption in all vaccine communications (IA SF 2345), prohibiting mRNA vaccines (ID S 1346), defining new essential workers for vaccine distribution during an emergency (GA HB 1335), notifying parents when their child's schools vaccine coverage rates falls (CA AB 2651), prohibiting blood donation refusal based on one's vaccination status (KY HB 752), and declaring a National Immunization Awareness Month (GA HR 1476)

Failed: 5 Bills

- NH HB 1811 would have removed all vaccine requirements for children, stating the department could only release recommendations
- SD HB 1171 would have required mRNA and COVID-19 vaccine receipt to be disclosed and included on blood donations, allowing individuals in need of a blood transfusion to request different blood

- SD HB 1163 would have prohibited any vaccine requirements for 'genetic based vaccinations', defined to include mRNA vaccines
- SD HB 1210 would have prohibited COVID-19 vaccine requirements as a condition of employment, enrollment, or for the receipt of a benefit or service
- WA SB 5967 would have removed mention of ACIP in statute and allowed the department to purchase vaccines outside of federal contracts if needed

Other Legislative Movement: 67 Bills

- **Sixty-seven** bills that were previously introduced 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)**.