



AIM Legislative Round-up: March 27, 2026

Vaccine bills are hitting pivotal hearings and floor votes that will decide their fate. Deadlines have sharpened focus on front runners while dozens of others face defeat or major rewrites amid heated debates. Several sessions have recently ended or will end shortly. AIM is now tracking **409 bills** that were prefilled, introduced or advanced in the legislative process since August 1 that could impact immunization programs. An overview of legislative movement over the last two weeks is provided below.

Enacted: 1 Bill and 1 Resolution

- [VT H 545](#) removes mention of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) from statute (instead referring to the commissioner and alternative medical societies), authorizes the commissioner to enact standing orders that provide liability immunity to providers who follow them, requires coverage without cost sharing for vaccines the commissioner recommends, and allows vaccine purchases outside of federal contracts
- [TN HJR 908](#) recognizes March 4 as HPV awareness day, noting the importance of HPV vaccination

Passed Second Chamber: 2 Bills

- [MD SB 385 & MD HB 637](#) would authorize the health secretary to make additional vaccine recommendations (outside of ACIP) that pharmacists are able to administer and that insurers must cover without cost-sharing
- [MD SB 773 & MD HB 1135](#) would allow pharmacists, who can already administer vaccines, to independently order their administration

Passed First Chamber: 4 Bills

- [AZ SB 1011](#) would require autopsies for children who die suddenly to list all the vaccines they received in the last 90 days, and report them to the Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID) and Sudden Death in the Young (SDY) Case Registry
- [AZ SB 1194](#) would prohibit providers from refusing to treat patients based on their vaccination status
- [LA SB 29](#) would require autopsies for children who die suddenly to list all the vaccines they received in the last 90 days, and report them to the SUID and SDY Case Registry
- [MO HB 2372](#) would add chikungunya to the list of vaccines that pharmacists can administer, amongst other health-related changes

Newly Introduced: 6 Bills and Resolutions

- Six new bills were introduced, mirroring many themes identified previously

- MN SF 4458 would remove conscientious exemptions to vaccine requirements and strike ACIP references in several statutes in favor of the health commissioner's recommendation
- MN HF 4373 would require that immunizations be covered by insurers even if they don't have an ACIP recommendations
- NJ SR 90 would urge state citizens to stay up to date on vaccinations
- NJ ACR 140 would urge US Congress to pass legislation to reinstate service members discharged for refusing COVID-19 vaccination
- NJ A 4781 would require entities to accept proof of prior COVID-19 infection when proof of vaccination is required
- SC S 1029 would exempt registered church or religious child day care facilities and private schools from adhering to the state's vaccine requirements, allowing them to set (or not set) their own requirements

Other Legislative Movement: 48 Bills

- **Forty-eight** 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)**.