



AIM Legislative Round-up: January 24, 2024

State legislative sessions across the country are well underway, with significant amounts of vaccine-related legislation now being introduced. AIM is now monitoring over **280** vaccine-related bills with potential implications for immunization programs. Key and emerging themes surrounding the **199** bills newly identified over the last two weeks are summarized below. Visit our [Policy Toolkit](#) to view all our legislative resources.

Vaccine Requirements and Exemptions (64 new bills):

- Bills seeking to remove vaccine requirements or expand exemptions continue to make up the most significant portion of introduced legislation. The majority involve vaccine requirements in schools, daycares or post-secondary institutions (TX HB 1586, TX HB 1082, TX HB 730, CT SB 259, CT SB 269, CT HB 5629, VA HB 2189, ME LD 174, CT SB 526, CT HB 6611, CT HB 5198, CT HB 5344, NY A 2045, IA HF 35, UT HB 228, NY A 2078, MS HB 729, MS HB 563, IA HF 88, MA HD 3633, MA SD 653, MA HD 4022, MA SD 2117, HI SB 1437, HI HB 1118, MD HB 608, NY S 3020, CT HB 6614 & MS HB 1571)
- Other bills focus on requirements for healthcare facilities, employers, and visitors (TX SB 407, TX HB 1468, MS HB 592, MA HD 2387, MA SD 1318, & MN SF 83)
- Several bills remain specific to prohibiting COVID-19 vaccine requirements (OK HB 1499, MA HD 2301, CT HB 5340, MA SD 1324, CT HB 5341, & OR SB 833)
- Some bills aim to establish constitutional amendments or more comprehensive prohibitions (TX HJR 91, TX SJR 10, OK SB 943, OK SB 611, MA SD 1429, MA HD 1656, TN HJR 28, CT SB 957, MN HF 292, ID S 1023 & CT SB 707)

Public Health Authority (14 new bills)

- Multiple bills seek to change health officials' capacity in vaccine-related decisions
- Most require new legislature or governor approval for any emergency vaccine-related measures (NE LB 203, ND SB 2555, MS HB 1036, MS HB 1572, MN SF 440, MN HF 233 & OR SJR 31), a few involve removing the ability to exclude unvaccinated students from the classroom in an outbreak (KS SB 29 & OK HB 1475), and 2 bills seek to prohibit CDC and/or WHO recommendations (OK SB 762, TN SB 263 & TN HB 318)

mRNA related Legislation (13 new bills)

- Significant legislation remains focused on mRNA vaccines specifically
- Several would ban mRNA vaccine requirements or ban their use entirely in people (MT LC 1463, MT LC 1980, MA HD 635, & MS HB 762) and two focus on labeling blood donations (WY HB 152 & SD HB 1078)
- The majority, however, have to do with food labeling, specifically indicating on meat products whether mRNA vaccines were given (MO SB 149, FL SB 196, MS HB 1039, MS HB 1365, TN SB 260, SC H 3172, & SC H 3198)

Vaccine Safety and Investigation (12 new bills)

- Bills related to vaccine safety are also a common theme, including new vaccine labeling requirements (OK SB 941, TX H 1304 & TX SB 122) and state-level versions of VAERS or VAERS reporting (IN HB 1344, VT H 69 & ND HB 1467)
- Two bills seek to investigate state's responses to COVID-19 (ID SCR 102 & NY S 2518)

Vaccine Cost and Reimbursement (12 new bills)

- Legislation seeking to ensure appropriate levels of compensation/reimbursement for vaccine administration were the most common in this category (UT SB 89, MT LC 1384, MA SD 1782, MA HD 870, MA HD 923, NJ S 4067, CT HB 6550 & CT HB 6314)

Liability/Lawsuits (11 new bills)

- There is a growing trend in bills related to vaccine injury liability, largely on manufacturers but also for shifting liability to entities that require vaccinations like schools or employers (FL HB 149, ND HB 1457, ND HB 1454, OK SB 801, MA HD 3480, IN HB 1426, CT HB 6174, CT SB 1100, MS SB 2409, & MS HB 1422)

Other Trends

- 11 new bills have to do with prohibiting discrimination due to one's vaccination status (ND HB 1391, NH SB 72, KS SB 19, AZ HB 2514, OR SB 383, MA HD 1313, CT HB 6612, CT HB 6613, MN HF 237, MS SB 2775 & VT H 60)
- 9 new bills have to do with expanding the authority of various professions in relation to vaccination, including pharmacists (MO HB 943, IN HB 1561, CT HB 6581, & WA HB 1520), medical assistants (NY A 3007, NY S 3007, & AR HB 1131), pharmacy technicians (HI HB 72) and EMTs (NY A 2297)
- 9 new bills involve additional requirements for communications related to vaccines, most specifically mentioning to ensure informed consent (IA SF 6, TX SB 754, IA HF 34, NY A 1908, OK SB 879, OK SB 807, CT HB 6561, ID S 1022 & OK HB 1079)

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 need individualized support, **please contact AIM Chief Government Relations and Policy Officer Brent Ewig (bewig@immunizationmanagers.org).**