

AIM Legislative Round-up: March 21, 2025

While several states have reached their internal deadlines for new bills to be introduced, overall vaccine-related legislation volume continues to climb. AIM is now tracking **486** effective vaccine-related bills, with numerous bills reaching or nearing the finish line. A summary of new legislative movement over the last two weeks is provided below.

Are you being asked to develop talking points or provide testimony for a vaccine-related bill? Visit our <u>Policy Toolkit</u> or reach out to <u>Brent Ewig</u> for individualized support.

Legislation Enacted (4 bills):

- AL SB 59- Allows dependents of military members to use military medical records as evidence of immunization receipt (instead of the routine state Blue Card process)
- <u>ID H 91</u>- Repeals legislation creating the Idaho Childhood Immunization Policy Commission
- ID S 1038- Prohibits the state from using any requirements or mandates issued by the world health organization as a basis for any action related to vaccination requirements
- MS HB 1066- Provides a 30-day grace period for children of military families to adhere to school vaccination requirements

Legislation Passed Both Chambers [to be enacted pending governor veto] (8 bills):

- **ID S 1023** Prohibits the mandate of any medical intervention in the state (defined to include vaccines)
- **ID H 290** Removes the responsibility of the board of health to determine the school/daycare vaccine schedule, instead listing certain vaccines directly in the statute (and specifying exemption information)
- **ID H 135** Removes immunization services from the list of services that do not require verification of lawful presence in the United States
- KS SB 29- Repeals public health officials' authority to require students isolate/quarantine due to their vaccination status
- MT HB 118 (LC 1352)- Provides a 30-day grace period for children of military families to adhere to school vaccination requirements
- TN HB 1157- Prohibits the state or local health department from promoting, distributing or endorsing FDA-regulated products outside of their labeling
- **UT HB 84** Requires any food intended for human consumption that contains vaccine or vaccine material be considered a drug
- UT HB 228- Removes any expiration of student vaccine exemption forms, and require that schools transfer such exemption form (or vaccination record) if a student changes schools

Legislation Passed First Chamber (14 bills):

- AR HB 1619- Would require the state Medicaid program reimburse providers at the same rate as VFC for RSV immunizations
- FL SB 110- Would establish a Primary and Preventive Care Grant Program, which
 would provide funding to providers in rural parts of the state that could be used to
 purchase vaccines
- IA HF 299- Would require any public communications about vaccine requirements to include information about vaccine exemptions
- MD HB 1315- Would require all health insurers cover all visits for, and costs of, childhood and adolescent immunizations
- MD HB 974- Would allow the health commissioner to adopt regulations as needed to ensure health insurers cover all vaccines recommended by ACIP
- MT SB 474 (LC 1427)- Would require acceptance of religious and personal medical exemptions to required immunizations
- MT HB 807 (LC 2455)- Would prohibit vaccine requirements for vaccines under EUA or ongoing safety trials
- NH SB 72 & NH HB 10- Would establish a parental bill of rights, emphasizing parents' ability to make vaccine decisions for their children
- NH HB 233- Would require meetings of the New Hampshire Vaccine Association to be recorded and posted online within 48 hours
- **OK HB 1122** Would remove proof of Hepatitis B vaccination as an accepted substitute for a negative Hepatitis B test for participants in certain athletic events
- TN SB 827- Would remove vaccine requirements for private schools that are fully online
- WA HB 1531- Would prohibit any policies that prevent health officials from implementing and promoting evidence-based, appropriate measures to control the spread of communicable diseases, including vaccines
- WI SB 31- Would authorize physician assistants and advanced practice nurses to supervise a school districts immunization program and issue immunization administration orders (as physicians currently can)

Legislation Newly Introduced (38 bills):

- Nine new bills would affect <u>vaccine requirements and exemptions</u>, including in K-12 schools (AL HB 444, NC HB 380, TX HB 4587, & WV HB 3489), colleges and universities (TX HB 4927, TX SB 2119, WB HB 3384, & WV HB 3298), foster care homes (WV SB 259), and the workplace (TX HB 5622)
- Six new bills would affect <u>professions authority to vaccinate</u>, including for pharmacists (NC SB 335, NC SB 357, RI SB 699, & RI HB 6037), EMS providers (TX HB 5611), and naturopathic physicians (NV SB 387)
- Other introduced bills would prohibit medical service refusals based on vaccination status (NC SB 373, TX HB 1620, & TX SB 2375), restrict the use of mRNA vaccines (TX HB 5022 & MA H 2431), and increase vaccine access/promotion activities (HI SCR 129-2025, HI HCR 173-2025, HI HR 169-2025, HI SR 108-2025, & NJ SR 27)

Legislation Failed (9 bills):

- ME LD 113- Would have required food be labeled if it contained mRNA vaccines
- MT LC 69- Would have broadened religious and conscientious exemptions to immunizations
- MT LC 4125- Would have banned aluminum in vaccines
- MT LC 1464- Would have banned mRNA vaccine use in animals
- MT LC 1463- Would have banned mRNA vaccines use in humans
- MT LC 3236- Would have required higher education institutions to pay medical costs associated with mandated COVID-19 vaccine
- MT SB 285- Would have removed the Hep B daycare vaccine requirement and any references to ACIP
- MT LC 4298- Would have authorized certain day-care centers to adopt their own policies regarding certain immunization exemptions
- *UT SB 89* Would have required insurers to administer reimburse vaccines at the same cost for in-network and out-of-network physicians

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