

Status of Bills Related to Exemptions in 2015 Legislative Year

State	Bill #	Status	Effect
Bills and rules that have been enacted			
Colorado	Via rule-making	Board of Health voted unanimously on proposed rule changes on 4/14/2015	Parent seeking non-med exemptions for pre-kg children are required to submit exemption forms at each age when rec vax are due. From Kg thru Gr 12, exemption forms are required annually; CDPHE will collect and publish school and daycare imm rates on website; a voluntary on-line learning module will be available.
Montana	HB 158	Intro: 1/7/2015; ref to Education committee (passed 1/28); passed 3rd reading in House (2/2); sent to Senate; 2/4: ref to Ed & Cult Resources Comm; exemption provision removed by comm exec action on 2/16/15. Signed by governor on 3/27/2015.	Would add varicella to school requirements; amended to add a "personal" exemption to existing medical & religious exemptions. Calls for a signed & notarized statement from a parent/guardian; annual renewal.
Vermont	H.98	4/22/2015: Senate amended House-passed imm registry bill; passed both House and Senate as of 5/14/2015; governor signed on 5/28/2015	Registry bill was amended to remove the philosophical exemption to state-mandated vaccinations
West Virginia	SB286/HB2556	Intro: 1/23/2015; 2/3/2015: Hlth & Human Res comm sub adopted that stripped the exemption from the bill; bill passed; approved by governor on 3/31/2015	Would have added religious exemption with administrative procedures. Committee substitute enhances ability of DHHR to continue to use rule-making to govern school and childcare imm mandates
Bills that are still viable during the current legislative session; date of expected adjournment in first column (*year-round legislature)			
California (Sept 11)	SB 277	Intro: 2/19/2015; Passed Hlth Comm on 4/8/2015; Passed Ed Comm on 4/22/2015; passed Judiciary Comm on 4/28/2015; passed full Senate on 5/14/2015; Sent to Assembly Health Comm on 5/28/2015	Would eliminate PBE; requirement to report school imm rates was removed from bill on 5/7/2015
Delaware (June 30)	HB 91	Intro: 4/16/2015; passed Educ Comm on 5/13/2015; ready for House	Would require an acknowledgement from the parent/guardian that child with religious exemption may be temp removed from school during an outbreak; also med exemption may be reviewed/approved by SHD
Illinois (May 14)	SB1410	Intro: 2/20/2015; passed both Houses on 5/21/2015; has been sent to governor	Amended bill requires parent to state specific religious belief that conflicts with the imm. A cert of exmpt must be submitted prior to Kg, gr 6 & 9, and signed by the HCP responsible for the exam & confirming the provision of educ to the parent on risks/benefits to the student & the community. Does not allow for general philosophical or moral reluctance as sufficient basis for exemption.
Maine (June 17)	LD 1076 (HP 739)	Hlth & Hum Srvc hrrg 5/11/2015; amended and passed work session 5/22/2015	Would establish Vaccine Consumer Protection Program that requires provision of info on vaccine injuries & imms to HCPs, including the development of a Maine VIS that informs pts of their right to opt out of vax req based on religious & philo grounds, as well as many other services. Amended in committee to require SHD to link to NVICP and VAERS from their website
	LD 471 (HP 310)	Intro: 2/24/2015; passed Hlth & Hum Srvc on 5/22/2015	Would require parents seeking philo exemption to obtain a written statement signed by HCP verifying that the HCP has provided risk/benefit information

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Massachusetts*	S.317	Hearing scheduled in Joint Comm on Education on 6/3/2015	Would add a PBE
Michigan*	SB 0259	Intro: 4/14/2015; ref to Education	Would add requirement for schools to report vax rates of separate vaccines as well as posting info on websites
	SB 0260	Intro: 4/14/2015: ref to Education	Would add requirement for schools to report vax rates of separate vaccines as well as posting info on websites
	SB 0261	Intro: 4/14/2015: ref to Fam, Srs, & Hum Srvcs	Would add requirement for child care centers to report vax rates for separate vaccines as well as posting vax info on websites
Missouri (May 30)	SB 533	Intro: 2/15/2015; passed Comm on Srs, Fam, & Children on 4/14/2015; passed Senate on 4/28/2015; on House calendar for third reading on 5/15/2015	Would add requirement for day care facilities to notify parent/guardian if exempted children are in facility if requested
	HB 976	Intro: 2/17/2015; passed House on 4/20/2015; ref to Senate; passed Srs, Families & Children Comm on 5/6/2015; placed on informal calendar	Would add requirement for day care facilities to notify parent/guardian if exempted children are in facility if requested
	HB 846	Intro & read first time: 2/5/2015; Read 2nd time: 2/9/2015	Mandates that principals send letters home to parents/guardians of all school students, notifying them that there is a "nonimmunized students in attendance at the school"
New Jersey*	A568 (prev A3759)	Intro: 1/16/2014; ref to Hlth and Sr Srvcs	Provides for a medical exemption from the influenza vaccine for a child in childcare or preschool who is "allergic to eggs or any other ingredient contained within the vaccine"
	A1931 (prev A1829)	Intro: 1/16/2014; ref to Hlth & Sr Srvcs Comm; reported out of comm w amendments on 3/16/2015	Tightens current religious exemptions by requiring the parent/guardian to include a written explanation of "how the administration of the vaccine conflicts with the bona fide religious tenets or practices of the student." States that a general philosophical or moral objection is not sufficient.
	S1147 (prev S1759)	Intro: 1/30/2014; ref to Hlth, Hum Srvcs & Sr Citizens; reported from comm on 3/9/2015 and given 2nd reading	
	S1914/A1534 (prev A1368/S106)	Intro: 3/27/2014; ref to Hlth, Hum Srvcs & Sr Citizens	Provides for conscientious exemption; parent/guardian must sign form re risks/benefits and witnessed by LHO.
	A351 (prev A176)	Intro: 1/16/2014; ref to Hlth, Hum Srvcs & Sr Citizens	Permits exemption from mandatory immunization for students in writing for any reason.
New York*	A7016/S4733	Assembly bill ref to Hlth on 4/13/2015; Senate bill ref to Hlth on 4/20/2015	Would require parents seeking religious exemption to obtain an affidavit signed by a physician attesting to the provision & discussion of information on risks to the child & others for failing to be vaccinated
Oregon (July 11)	SB 895	Intro: 3/3/2015; Educ Comm hrng 4/9; passed in work session on 4/21/2015; ref to Joint comm on Ways and Means on 4/27/2015	Would require posting of data on susceptible children, including exemptions in both schools and childrens facilities.
Pennsylvania*	HB 883	Intro & ref to comm on hlth: 4/6/2015	Would require HCP to sign an affidavit that the parent/guardian seeking a religious exemption has received risk/benefit info

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Texas (June 1)	HB2474	Filed: 3/5/2015; Pub Hlth cmte rep favorable on 3/31; passed House on 5/4/2015; ref to Senate; ref to HHS Comm on 5/11/2015	Requires posting of exemption data.
	SB547	Filed: 2/11/2015; ref to Hlth & Hum Srvc on 2/18	Requires posting of exemption data.
	HB 1674	Filed: 2/19/2015; ref to Pub Hlth on 3/9	Requires physician counseling for PBE/religious exemption.
	HB 2006	Filed: 2/26/2015; ref to Pub Hlth on 3/11	Requires religious exemption to be verifiable that the imm conflicts with the tenets and practices of a recognized church or religious denomination of which the applicant is a member
Bills that are no longer viable for the current legislative session			
Arizona	HB 2466	First read: 2/16; 2nd read: 2/17; failed to meet committee deadline	Requires public schools and charter schools to post imm rates of pupils on their website
Connecticut (June 3)	HB 6949	Ref to Joint Comm on Pub Hlth; Pub hrng on 3/18; comm voted on 3/27 to pass 23-4; House passed on 5/7/2015; ref to Senate -- Tabled for the calendar	Would require that existing religious exemption be acknowledged by specified legal authorities & submitted annually; expands this requirement to children in child day care centers
Maine (June 17)	LD 606 (HP 419)	Intro: 3/3/2015; Hlth & Hum Srvc hearing: 5/11/2015; rejected in work session 5/22/2015	Would eliminate PBE, but retain religious exemption.
Maryland	HB 687	Intro: 2/12/2015; 3/16/15 hrng in Hlth & Gov't Op (Hrng cancelled); bill given unfavorable report by comm & withdrawn	Would repeal religious exemption
Minnesota	HF393/SF380	HF intro: 1/29/2015; ref to Hlth & Hum Srvc Reform: failed comm deadline SF intro: 1/29/2015; Passed in Hlth, Hum Srvc, & Housing Comm on 3/18/15; 2nd reading 3/23/15	Requires that parents seeking an exemption due to their personal beliefs that [are] opposed to immunizations must obtain a signature of a healthcare provider that the parent has received info on risks/benefits of imm to the student and the community.
Mississippi	HB 130	Intro: 1/6/2015; Hrng in education comm on 2/3/2015: committee sub passed without non-medical exemption (Died on Calendar)	Adds an exemption for conscientious beliefs of parent/guardian
	SB 2800	Intro: 1/19/2015: ref to edu, pub hlth, & welfare; 2/5/2015: died in committee	Adds an exemption on the basis that (vaccinations) are contrary to the (parents') beliefs; additional administrative requirements. Allows for unvax child to be removed from school if exposed to disease.
New Mexico	HB 522	Intro: 2/19/2015; referred to House hlth comm (Legislature adjourned on 3/21/2015)	Would remove religious exemption for nondenominational religious beliefs (from parent/guardian), but retain statement "from an officer of a recognized religious denomination that the child's parents/guardian are bona fide members of a denomination whose religious teaching requires reliance upon prayer or spiritual means alone for healing"
New York	A00943/S01536	A00943 intro: 1/8/2015 ref to hlth; S01536 intro: 1/13/2015, ref to hlth; 2/9/2015: recommit, enacting clause stricken	Enacts the "philosophical exemption to immunizations act by expanding the current non-medical exemption to include the "personal objections" of the parent or guardian, who must "state a valid reason for withholding consent, or check a fixed statement pre-printed on the form indicating his or her personal objection to immunizations."
North Carolina	SB 346	Filed: 3/19/2015; ref to Hlth Care on 3/23; withdrawn by authors on 4/1/2015	Would require all children to be screened for SCID before vax; also would repeal the existing religious exemption

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Oregon	SB 442	Intro: 1/12/2015; ref to Hlth Care on 1/20; heard on 2/18/2015, amendment intro to remove non-medical exemption, subsequently removed by author	Extends current educational component to children enrolled with a philosophical belief exemption prior to 3/1/2014.
Oklahoma	SB 830	Intro: 3/2/2015; ref to Hlth & Hum Svcs; failed comm deadline	Would repeal exemption for reasons of "objection"
Rhode Island	S381	Intro: 2/25/2015; ref to Hlth & Hum Svcs; hrng held on 3/26: comm rec bill be held for further study	Would remove existing religious exemption
Vermont	S.87	Intro: 2/12/2015; ref to Hlth & Welfare: vote scheduled for 5/22/2015	Would remove the philosophical exemption
	H.212	Intro: 2/13/2015; ref to Hlth Care	Would remove the philosophical & religious exemption
Washington	HB 2009	Intro: 2/4/2015; ref to House Hlth Care & Wellness Committee; pub hrng held on 2/17/2015: bill passed; placed on second reading on 2/27; failed deadline	Removes the exemption for "philosophical or personal objection; retains the exemptions for medical or religious reasons
West Virginia	HB0094	Received for intro: 2/2/2015 (Leg adjourned 3/12/2015)	Protection of parental rights;