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State	Bill #	Status	Effect
Colorado (3/3/16)	HB 1164	Intro: 1/28/16; ref to Hlth, Insurance, & Environment; comm ref amended version to House	Dept of Hlth required to post imm & exemption rates, by school, on its website; amended to require records to be confidential.
Florida (2/3/16)	SB 646	Filed: 11/1/2015; withdrawn prior to intro on 11/6/2015.	Would require standardized video education for those requesting religious or medical exemption.
Hawaii (3/3/2016)	HB 1722	Intro: 1/22/2016; ref to Hlth, Educ, Finance on 1/25/16	Would eliminate religious exemption for students in public schools; retain rel exemption for students in private schools.
Mass 3/3/2016	SB 317	Hearing held in Joint Comm on Education on 6/3/2015	Would add a PBE
Michigan (3/4/16)	HB 5126	Intro: 12/8/15; ref to Hlth Policy	Would prohibit a local health authority from excluding an unvax (exempted) child from school or childcare during VPD outbreak
	HB 5127	Intro: 12/8/15; ref to Hlth Policy	Implements HB 5126
	HB 5361	Intro: 2/16/16; ref to Hlth Policy	Would require what is currently in rule (i.e., PBE to require education from a LHD)
	HB 5362	Intro: 2/16/16; ref to Hlth Policy	Implements HB 5361
	HB 5363	Intro: 2/16/16; ref to Hlth Policy	Would require posting and notification of exemption status
Minnesota (3/4/16)	HF393/SF380	HF intro: 1/29/2015; ref to Hlth & Hum Srvc Reform (no hearing is planned for 2016) 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 (3/3/16)	HB 938	Intro: 2/8/16; ref to Educ & passed; sent to House & passed on 3/2/16. Referred to Senate.	Would permit medical exemptions, to be signed by any licensed U.S. physician, and to bypass approval from the SHD.
	HB 939	Intro: 2/8/16; ref to Educ (died 2/23/16)	Would have added a philosophical and religious belief exemption.
	HB 979	Intro: 2/8/16; ref to Educ (died 2/23/16)	Would have added a conscientious belief exemption; requirement to be signed and notarized.
	SB 2722	Intro: 2/8/16; ref to Educ (died 2/23/16)	Would have changed current medical exemption to require submission on a Dept-issued certificate, by a licensed physician, and have annual renewal

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New Jersey (3/3/2016)	S801 (prev 1147)	Intro: 1/12/2016; ref to Hlth, Hum Srvc & Sr Citizens	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.
	A169 (prev A351)	Intro: ref to Hlth & Sr Srvc on 1/27/16	Permits exemption from mandatory immunization for students in writing for any reason.
	A2727 (prev A1534)	Intro: 2/8/16 ref to Hlth & Sr Srvc	Provides for conscientious exemption; parent/guardian must sign form re risks/benefits and witnessed by LHO.
New York (3/3/16)	S378a	1/6/16; Intro: 1/7/15; amended & recommitted to Hlth on 1/13/16	Would expand determination of med exemption (currently MDs) to also include NPs & PhysAssists
	A 8329/S 6017	Intro: 7/15/2015; SB ref to Rules on 7/15/15; ref to Hlth on 1/6/16; AB ref to Hlth on 8/5/2015; ref to Hlth on 1/6/16	Would eliminate religious exemption,
	A 7016	AB ref to Hlth on 4/13/15; ref to Hlth on 1/6/16	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
	S 4733	Intro: 4/13/15; ref to hlth on 4/13/15; ref to Hlth on 1/6/16; amended & recommitted to Hlth on 2/1/16	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
No Carolina (3/3/16)	S 346	Intro: 3/19/15; Ref to Hlth Care on 3/23/15	Would require all children to be screened for SCID before vax; also would repeal the existing religious exemption
Oklahoma (3/4/2016)	SB 1478	Intro: 1/21/2016; second reading & referred to Public Safety on 2/3/16; failed in Educ on 2/22/16	Changes PBE to religious exemption
	SB 830	Intro: 3/2/2015; ref to Hlth & Hum Srvc.	Would repeal exemption for reasons of "objection"
	HB 3016	Intro 2/1/16; ref to Pub Hlth and passed on 2/17/16	Would require informed consent from parent/guardian before vaccinating child, and provider must give risk/benefit information and info on the NVICP.

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Pennsylvania (3/3/16)	HB 883	Intro & ref to comm on Hlth on 4/6/2015	Would require HCP to sign an affidavit that the parent/guardian seeking a religious exemption has received risk/benefit info
Rhode Island (3/3/16)	H 7475	Intro 2/4/16; ref to HEW on 2/4/16	Allows exemptions to vaccines for non-casual diseases transmitted by sexual contact (ck)
	S2292	Intro: 2/9/16; ref to HHS	Adds PBE; removes HPV
	S2295	Intro: 2/9/16; ref to HHS	Removes authority to enact requirements for vaccine that prevent diseases NOT transmittable in a school environment; also removes authority for state to require HPV vaccination.
Utah (3/3/2016)	HB 221	Intro: 1/28/16; ref to Rules	Would add a requirement for completion of an online educational module & also go to LHD to obtain religious or personal exemption; renewal at gr 7 and 10
Vermont (3/3/16)	H.212	Intro: 2/13/2015; ref to Hlth Care	Would remove the philosophical & religious exemption
Virginia (2/3/2016)	HB 1342	Intro: 1/21/2016; ref to Hlth, Welfare & Institutions; stricken from docket on 1/28/16 (dead)	Eliminates religious exemption; clarifies medical exemption
Washington (3/3/16)	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. Reintroduced on 1/11/16	Removes the exemption for "philosophical or personal objection; retains the exemptions for medical or religious reasons
West Virginia (3/3/16)	HB 2556	Intro: 1/13/16; ref to Hlth and Hum Resources 1/13/16	Would add a religious exemption after the parent obtains an affidavit signed by a physician, attesting to the fact risk/benefit information has been provided.
Wisconsin (3/4/2016)	LRB 3169	Intro: ~1/27/2016	Would eliminate religious exemption but retain personal exemption.
	AB924	Intro: 2/18/2016; ref to Hlth	Would eliminate the personal conviction exemption