

Status of Bills Related to Exemptions in 2015 Legislative Year

State	Bill #	Status	Effect
Arizona	HB 2466	First read: 2/16; 2nd read: 2/17;	Requires public schools and charter schools to post imm rates of pupils on their website
California	SB 277	Intro: 2/19/2015	Would eliminate PBE
Colorado	SB 77	Intro in Senate: 1/14/2015; ref to Ed; 2/12/15: passed Senate; 2/17/15 Intro in House; ref to Pub Hlth Care & Human Srvcs	This "Parent's Bill of Rights" <i>may</i> allow parents to opt out of required vaccinations
	Via rule-making	DOH is seeking amendments to rule.	Would add rules re. imm info and contents of on-line learning module and increase frequency of exemption renewal.
Illinois	SB 1410	Intro: 2//20/2015; ref to Assignments on 2/20	Requires State Brd of Ed to publish exemption info on its website; also requires parents seeking a religious exemption to submit a signed and notarized statement "attesting to a bona fide religious objection"
Maine	LD 606 (HP 419)	Intro: 3/3/2015; ref to Hlth & Hum Srvcs.	Would eliminate PBE, but retain religious exemption.
Maryland	HB 687	Intro: 2/12/2015; 3/16/15 hrng in Hlth & Gov't Op	Would repeal religious exemption
Minnesota	HF393/SF380	HF intro: 1/29/2015; ref to Hlth & Hum Srvcs Reform SF intro: 1/29/2015; ref to Hlth, Hum Srvcs, & Housing	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.
Missouri	HB846	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"
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	Add varicella to school requirements; adds a "personal" exemption to existing medical & religious exemptions. Calls for a signed & notarized statement from a parent/guardian; annual renewal.

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New Jersey	A568 (prev A3759)	Intro: 1/16/2014; ref to Hlth and Sr Srvc	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 Srvc Comm	Strengthens current religious exemptions by requiring the 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." Amended in Senate on 10/4/2012
	S1147 (prev S1759)	Intro: 1/30/2014; ref to Hlth, Hum Srvc & Sr Citizens; reported from comm on 3/9/2015 and given 2nd reading	Strengthens current religious exemptions by requiring the 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." Includes many additional administrative safeguards.
	A497 (prev A920)	Intro: 1/16/2014; ref to Hlth & Sr Citizens	Exempts HepB vaccination in children younger than 6 yrs whose mother tested HBsAg negative.
	S1914/A1534 (prev A1368/S106)	Intro: 3/27/2014; ref to Hlth, Hum Srvc & 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 Srvc & Sr Citizens	Permits exemption from mandatory immunization for students in writing for any reason.
New Mexico	HB 522	Intro: 2/19/2015; referred to House hlth comm	Would repeal religious exemption 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 pesonal objection to immunizations."
Oklahoma	SB 830	Intro: 3/2/2015; ref to Hlth & Hum Srvc	Would repeal exemption for reasons of "objection"
Oregon	SB 442	Intro: 1/12/2015; ref to Hlth Care on 1/20; heard on 2/18/2015, now in committee work session	Extends current educational component to children enrolled with a philosophical belief exemption prior to 3/1/2014.
Pennsylvania	<i>media report</i>	(Rep. Becky Corbin & Rep. Mike Schlossberg)	Would eliminate philosophical exemption
Rhode Island	<i>S o381</i>	Intro: 2/25/2015; ref to Hlth & Hum Srvc.	Would remove existing religious exemption

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Texas	SB 547	Intro: 2/18/2015; ref to Hlth & Hum Srvc.	Requires posting of exemption data.
	HB 1674	Filed: 2/19/2015	Requires physician counseling for PBE/religious exemption.
	HB 2006	Filed: 2/26/2015	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
Vermont	S.87	Intro: 2/12/2015; ref to Hlth & Welfare	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	Removes the exemption for "philosophical or personal objection; retains the exemptions for medical or religious reasons
West Virginia	SB286/HB2556	Intro: 1/23/2015; 2/3/2015: Hlth & Human Res comm sub adopted that stripped the exemption from the bill	Adds religious exemption with administrative procedures
Wyoming	HB0094	Received for intro: 2/2/2015 (Leg adjourns 3/9)	Protection of parental rights;