

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; Passed Assembly Health Comm on 5/28/2015; Passed Assembly and sent to Senate for concurrence on 6/25/2015	Would eliminate PBE; requirement to report school imm rates was removed from bill on 5/7/2015
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; Senate passed on 6/2/2015; sent to governor on 6/18/2015	Would require that existing religious exemption be acknowledged by specified legal authorities & submitted annually; expands this requirement to children in child day care centers
Delaware (June 30)	HB 91	Intro: 4/16/2015; passed House Educ Comm on 5/13/2015; passed House on 6/16/2015; passed Senate committee on 6/24/2015	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; sent to governor on 6/19/2015	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.

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Maine (June 17)	LD 1076 (HP 739)	Bill passed; voted by governor on 6/22/2015; veto overridden on 6/23/2015	Would establish Vaccine Consumer Protection Program that requires provision of info on vaccine injuries & imm 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 both House and Senate on 6/18/2015	Would require parents seeking philo exemption to obtain a written statement signed by HCP verifying that the HCP has provided risk/benefit information
Massachusetts*	S.317	Hearing held 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 Srvc	Would add requirement for child care centers to report vax rates for separate vaccines as well as posting vax info on websites
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; 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 Srvc & 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 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 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
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
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.

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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.
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 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
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 Srvc; failed comm deadline	Would repeal exemption for reasons of "objection"

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Rhode Island	S381	Intro: 2/25/2015; ref to Hlth & Hum Srvc;hrng held on 3/26: comm rec bill be held for further study	Would remove existing religious exemption
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
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;