

Overview of 2015 Legislative Bills Related to Exemptions to State-Mandated Immunizations

State	Type of Exemption Permitted			2015 Legislation
	Medical	Religious	PBE	
Alabama	x	x		
Alaska	x	x		
Arizona	x	x	School only	requires posting of imm rates
Arkansas	x	x	x	
California	x		x	removes PBE
Colorado	x	x	x	deals with protection of parental rights
Connecticut	x	x		
Delaware	x	x		
Dist.of Columbia	x	x		
Florida	x	x		
Georgia	x	x		
Hawaii	x	x		
Idaho	x	x	x	
Illinois	x	x		requires parent to submit a signed & notarized statement attesting to the bona fide religious objection
Indiana	x	x		
Iowa	x	x		
Kansas	x	x		
Kentucky	x	x		
Louisiana	x		x	
Maine	x	x	x	
Maryland	x	x		removes religious exemption
Massachusetts	x	x		
Michigan	x	x	x	
Minnesota	x		x	requires parent to receive education from a HCP when seeking a PBE
Mississippi	x			adds an exemption for conscientious beliefs (dead)
Missouri	x	x	CC only	requires principals to send letters home to notify of nonimmunized students in the school
Montana	x	x		adds a PBE
Nebraska	x	x		
Nevada	x	x		
New Hampshire	x	x		
New Jersey	x	x		requires parent to include a written explanaton of "how the admin of vax conflicts with the bona fide religious tenets or practices of the student"
New Mexico	x	x		requires parent to obtain statement from an officer of a recognized religious denomination whose teachings require reliance upon prayer or spiritual means alone for healing and that the child's parents are bona fide members
New York	x	x		adds an exemption for "personal objections" (dead)
North Carolina	x	x		
North Dakota	x	x	x	
Ohio	x	x	x	
Oklahoma	x	x	x	removes the PBE
Oregon	x	x	x	extends the new educational requirement for parents seeking a PBE to include all children enrolled prior to 3/1/2014
Pennsylvania	x	x	x	
Rhode Island	x	x		removes religious exemption
South Carolina	x	x		
South Dakota	x	x		
Tennessee	x	x		
Texas	x	x	x	1) requires posting of exemption data; 2) requires proof that imm conflicts with tenets/practices of church & parent is a member; and 3) requires physician counseling for personal or religious exemption

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Utah	x	x	x	
Vermont	x	x	x	1) removes philo exemption; and 2) <i>removes both philo and religious exemption</i>
Virginia	x	x		
Washington	x	x	x	removes exemption for philo/personal objections
West Virginia	x			adds religious exemption (<i>removed from bill but needs watching</i>)
Wisconsin	x	x	x	
Wyoming	x	x		deals with protection of parental rights