



## Final Legislative Summary: Immunization Related Legislation 83<sup>rd</sup> Texas Legislative Session

The following bills passed the 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Session and were signed by the Governor.

Bill Number	Intent	Current Action
<b>Senate Bill 62</b> <i>Sen. Jane Nelson</i> <i>Rep. Jodie Laubenberg</i>	Revises the age of the meningitis vaccine requirement from 30 to 22. The bill also establishes DSHS as the only state agency allowed to grant exemptions to students and eliminates the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board downloadable exemption form. It also creates a new process for community college students <u>only</u> to claim exemptions via a web-based portal with an educational component.	Passed Senate (4/11/13) Passed House (5/20/13) Signed in both chambers and sent to the Governor (5/25/13)  <b>Signed by Governor (6/14/13)</b> <b>Effective on October 1, 2013</b> <b>Changes apply January 1, 2014</b>
<b>Senate Bill 63</b> <i>Sen. Jane Nelson</i> <i>Rep. J.D. Sheffield</i>	Broadens the categories of individuals who can consent to immunizations to include pregnant teens or minors with children. Excludes MCV4 and HPV.	Passed Senate (3/13/13) Passed House (5/17/13) Signed in both chambers and sent to the Governor (5/20/13)  <b>Signed by Governor (6/14/13)</b> <b>Effective immediately.</b>
<b>Senate Bill 64</b> <i>Sen. Jane Nelson</i> <i>Rep. John Zerwas</i>	Requires licensed childcare facilities to develop and implement policies for their employees, in order to protect the children in its care from vaccine-preventable diseases. Policies shall include procedures for an employee to be exempt from required vaccines, based on reasons of conscience.	Passed Senate (3/13/13) Amended in House (5/15/13) Sent to conference (5/17/13) Senate concurred with House amendment (5/26/13) Signed in both chambers and sent to the Governor (5/25/13)  <b>Signed by Governor (6/14/13)</b> <b>Effective on September 1, 2013</b>
<b>House Bill 1204</b> <i>Rep. Tan Parker</i> <i>Sen. Jane Nelson</i>	Designates October 1 <sup>st</sup> as Influenza Awareness Day.	Passed House (4/25/13) Passed Senate (5/15/13) Signed in both chambers and sent to the Governor (5/16/13)  <b>Signed by Governor (6/14/13)</b> <b>Effective on September 1, 2013</b>

The following bills passed out of committee and/or out of the House chamber.

Bill Number	Intent	Current Action
<p><b>House Bill 772</b> <i>Rep. Donna Howard</i></p>	<p>Shifts the State's immunization registry, ImmTrac, from an opt-in to an opt-out system and enhances the privacy and confidentiality of data.</p>	<p>Passed House Public Health (4/12/13) Passed House with 99 votes (5/2/13)  <b>Referred to Senate Health &amp; Human Services (5/7/2013)</b></p>
<p><b>HB 1340</b> <i>Rep. Toni Rose</i></p>	<p>Allows minors 14 years of age or older to consent to their own immunization.</p>	<p>Passed House Public Health (4/19/13) Amended and passed House (5/10/2013)  <b>Referred to Senate Health &amp; Human Services (5/10/2013)</b></p>
<p><b>HB 1310</b> <i>Rep. Angie Chen Button</i></p>	<p>Allows a physician medical practice to exclude the cost paid for vaccines from its taxable revenue.</p>	<p>Passed House Ways &amp; Means (4/11/2013) Passed House (4/30/2013)  <b>Passed special committee on fiscal matters (05/13/2013)</b></p>
<p><b>HB 2709</b> <i>Rep. Philip Cortez</i></p>	<p>Tasks the DSHS with the development of a prevention and treatment plan for the state of Texas relating to bacterial pneumonia.</p>	<p>Passed House Public Health (4/26/13)  <b>Placed on General State Calendar (5/9/13)</b></p>

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The following bills were referred to committee or left pending in committee, after being heard.

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<b>SB 1013/HB 2938</b> <i>Sen. Larry Taylor</i> <i>Rep. Jodie Laubenberg</i>	Allows pharmacists to administer all vaccines to children ages 7 and older. Requires pharmacists to notify the physician responsible for the patient's care about the vaccination within 14 days of the vaccine's administration.	<b>SB 1013 heard in Senate Health &amp; Human Services and left pending (4/9/2013)</b>  <b>HB 2938 heard in House Public Health and left pending (4/24/13)</b>
<b>HB 2222</b> <i>Rep. Gene Wu</i>	Allows pharmacists to administer all vaccines to children ages 7 and older.	<b>Referred to House Public Health (3/11/2013)</b>
<b>SB 40</b> <i>Sen. Judith Zaffirini</i>	Shifts the State's immunization registry, ImmTrac, from an opt-in to an opt-out system.	<b>Referred to Senate Health &amp; Human Services (1/28/13)</b>
<b>House Bill 771</b> <i>Rep. Donna Howard</i>	Requires immunization data to continue to be stored in ImmTrac after an individual turns 18.	<b>Referred to House Public Health (2/8/13)</b>
<b>HB 2711/SB 1054</b> <i>Rep. Mary Ann Perez</i> <i>Sen. Kirk Watson</i>	Modifies the maximum age requirement for the meningitis vaccination from 30 to 21 and requires proof of vaccination and/or a booster dose.	<b>HB 2711 referred to House Public Health (3/18/2013) and SB 1054 referred to Senate Education (3/12/2013)</b>
<b>HB 1611</b> <i>Rep. Mary Ann Perez</i>	Extends the date by which a student in an institution of higher education must prove they have received a vaccination against meningitis from the 10 <sup>th</sup> to 45 <sup>th</sup> day of the semester.	<b>Referred to Public Health (3/5/2013)</b>

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