

Overview of Legislative Bills on Non-Medical Exemptions to School/Childcare Imm Mandates

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Today's Presentation

- ▶ Overview of states with religious and/or personal belief exemptions
- ▶ Recent and current legislative efforts to strengthen or weaken PBEs
- ▶ Resources

Types of non-medical, non-religious exemptions

- ▶ Personal beliefs/personal reasons/convictions (7)
- ▶ Philosophical/moral reasons (5)
- ▶ Other grounds/objections/written objection (3)
- ▶ Conscientiously held beliefs/reasons of conscience (3)
- ▶ Philosophical or personal objection (1)
- ▶ Strong moral or ethical conviction similar to a religious belief (1)

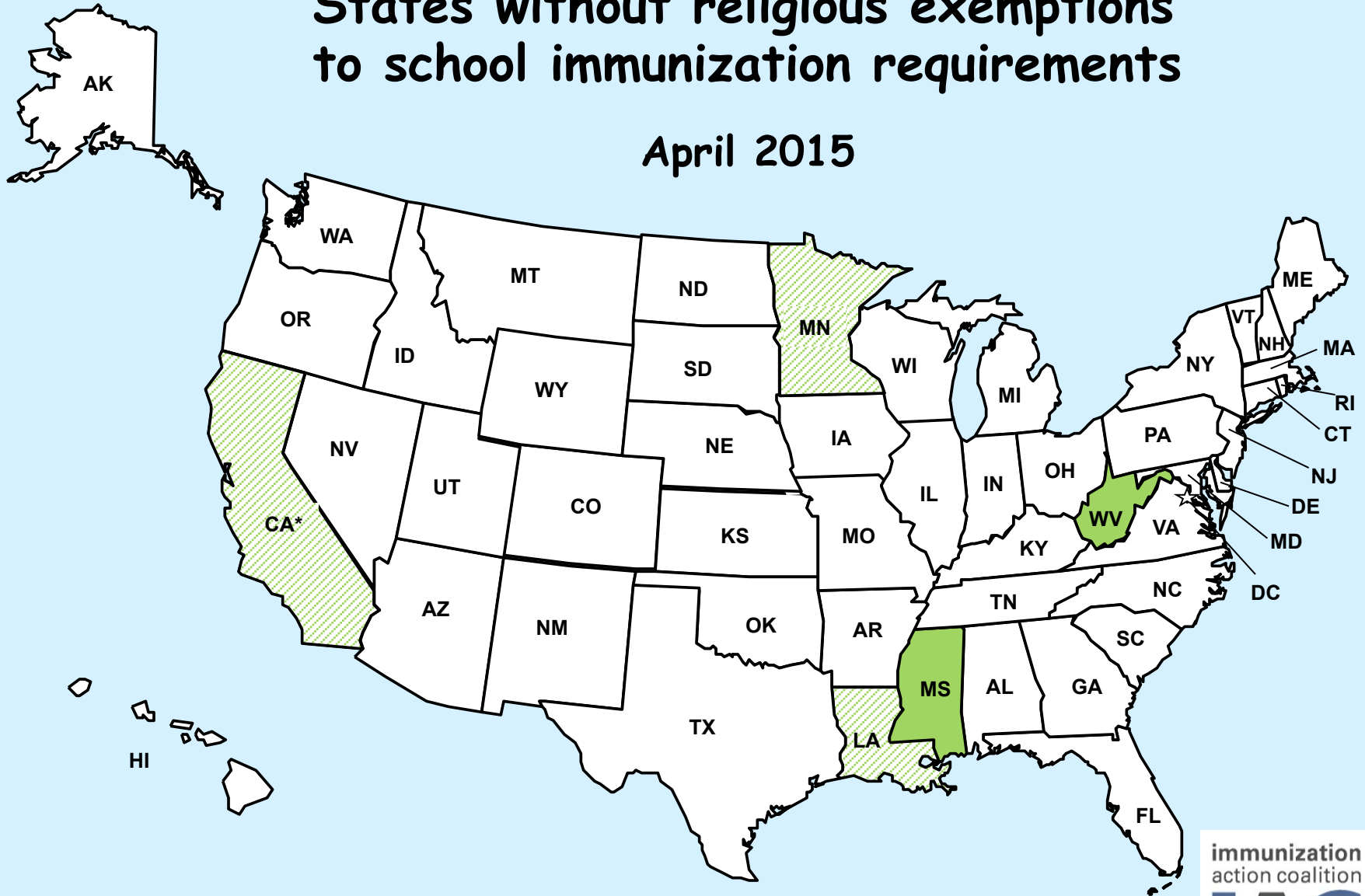
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A map of the Hawaiian Islands, with the main island of Hawaii highlighted in yellow. The text "HI" is printed below the islands.

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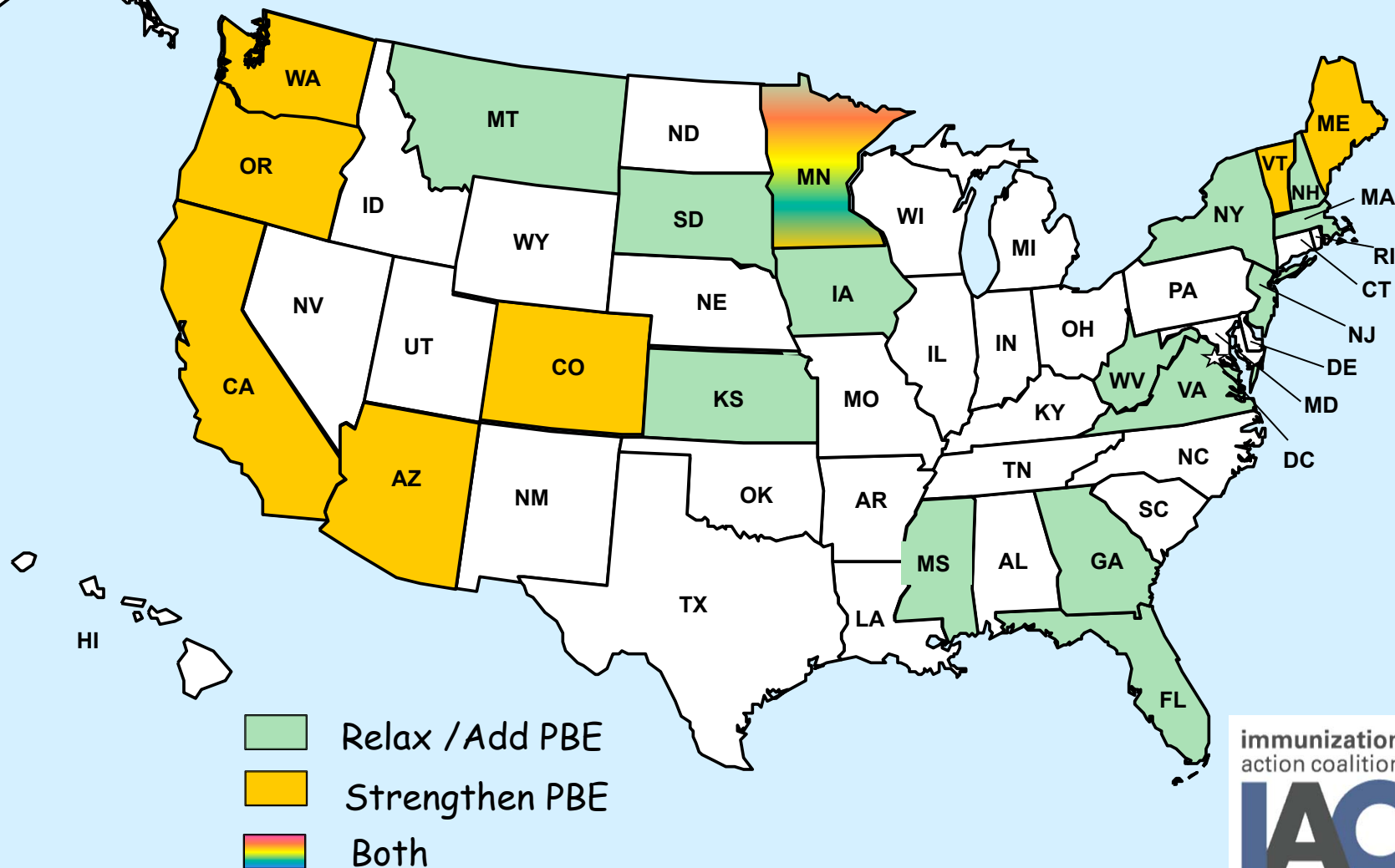
States without religious exemptions to school immunization requirements

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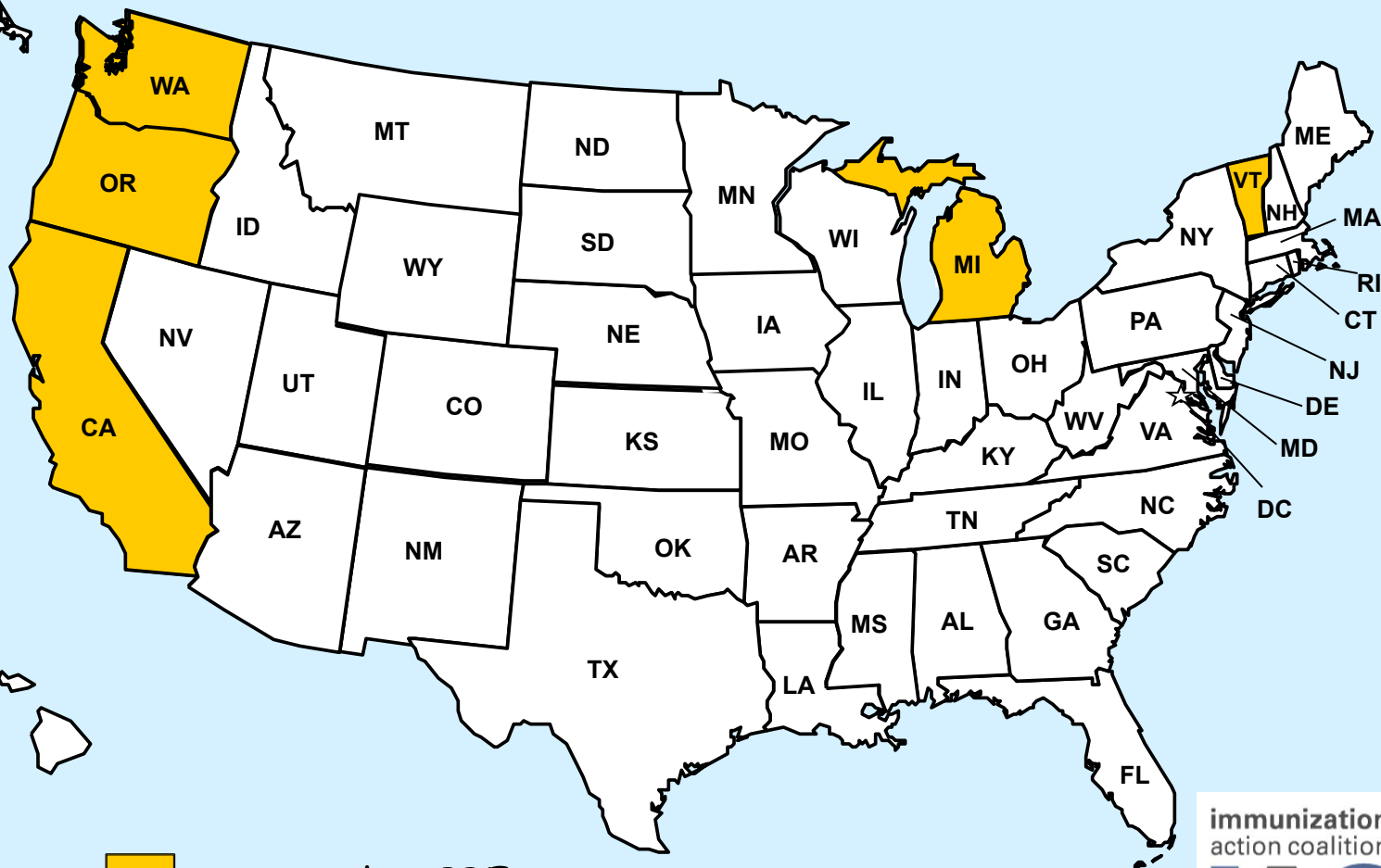


States with legislation pertaining to non-medical exemptions in 2009-14





Outcome of legislation pertaining to non-medical exemptions in 2009-14

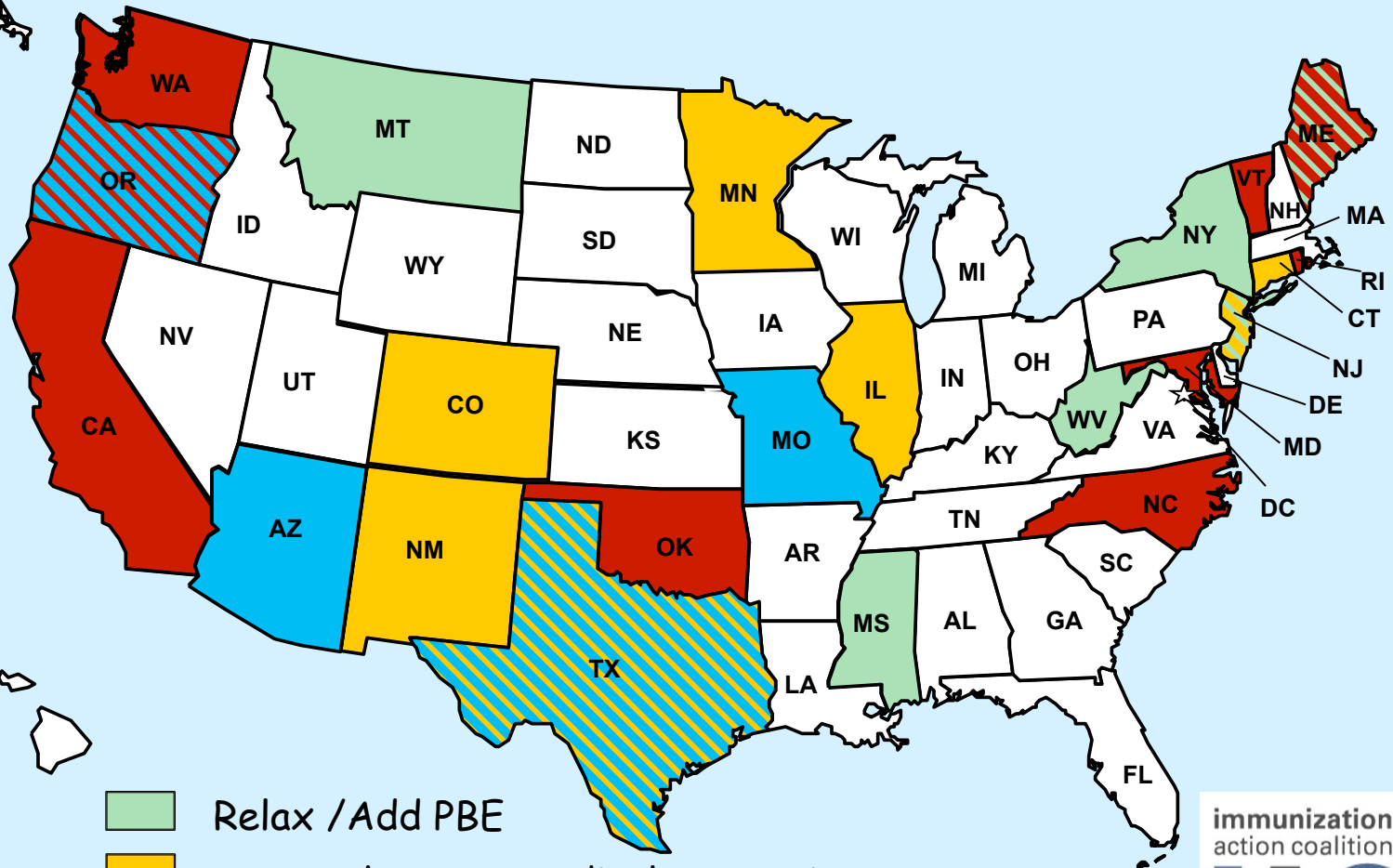


 Strengthen PBE

States that Enacted Requirements to Strengthen Non-Medical Exemptions

- ▶ Washington: stmt from HCP; risk/benefit info given (effective July 2011)
- ▶ Vermont: must review evidence-based ed materials provided by SHD; annual renewal (effective Jan 2013)
- ▶ California: stmt from HCP; risk/benefit info given (effective Jan 2014)
- ▶ Oregon: stmt from HCP or certificate of completion of an on-line vaccine educational module (effective March 2014)
- ▶ Michigan: must meet with a hlth educator at LHD and receive a certified waiver form (effective Jan 2015)

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Components of Recent Legislation

- ▶ Educational component (e.g., physician, LHD, on-line educational module)
- ▶ Renewal (e.g., annually, grade 7)
- ▶ Posting of exemption rates (e.g., by county, school district, school)

Parents Bill of Rights

- ▶ Parents have rights to make decisions on their child's
 - Education
 - Moral or religious upbringing
 - Physical and mental health care decisions (e.g., immunizations)
- ▶ Can the state mandate vaccinations?
 - Yes. The constitutionality of mandatory vaccination was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1905 (see *Jacobson v. Massachusetts*)

Policy Statements on Non-medical Exemptions

Exemptions

IAC INFORMATION



[Exemptions permitted for state immunization requirements](#)
This table was compiled by IAC using information provided by state health departments.
[\[View map\]](#)

[Personal belief exemptions for vaccination put people at risk. Examine the evidence for yourself.](#)
Journal articles that provide evidence that personal belief exemptions play a role in vaccine-preventable disease outbreaks; includes citations, summaries, key findings, and links to abstracts.

CDC INFORMATION

[Exemptions allowed for childcare and school mandates](#)
The data in these reports are provided by state immunization programs through the annual school assessment report submitted to CDC by April 30 each year. Please contact the [state-specific point of contact](#) for more detailed information.

ASSOCIATION OF IMMUNIZATION MANAGERS

[AIM Position Statement on Personal Belief Exemptions from State Vaccination Mandates](#)
A position statement of the Association of Immunization Managers (AIM)

EVERY CHILD BY TWO

[Daycare Center and School Immunization Mandates](#)
A position statement of Every Child By Two & "Carter/Bumpers Champions for Immunization"

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[Map of US states allowing religious, personal belief, or medical exemptions](#)
Religious exemptions and personal belief exemptions for daycare and school

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[Eliminating Personal Belief Exemptions from Immunization Requirements for Child Care and School Attendance](#)
NACCHO Statement of Policy

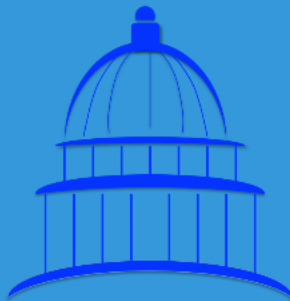
NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATURES INFORMATION

[States with religious and philosophical exemptions from school immunization requirements](#)
Table of religious and philosophical exemptions by state, with links to statutes

PEDIATRIC INFECTIOUS DISEASES SOCIETY

[A Statement Regarding Personal Belief Exemption from Immunization Mandates](#)
Position statement from the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society (PIDS)

See www.immunize.org/laws



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TAKE ACTION - VACCINES SAVE LIVES

Vaccines save countless lives every day, and give every child the chance to grow up healthy. Unfortunately, a tremendous amount of misinformation is leading a growing number of parents to not vaccinate. This has caused a re-emergence of vaccine-preventable disease across the country.

Several state legislatures have introduced bills to strengthen immunization rates. We need your action at the state level now – see how you can help by reviewing our current list of pending legislation.

ACTIVE STATE LEGISLATION

CALIFORNIA SB 277 SUPPORT Bill to repeal personal belief exemption to vaccination requirements

***Passed the Senate Health Committee. This Bill now moves to the Senate Education Committee. The hearing is scheduled for 4/15/15 – [CLICK HERE TO CONTACT YOUR REP TODAY!](#)**

[Find your representative](#) and tell them that you support SB 277 and contact the members of the [Senate Committee on Education](#), and the [Senate Judiciary Committee](#) where this bill has been referred.

CONNECTICUT HB 6949 SUPPORT Act requiring that religious exemption from certain vaccines be notarized

***Passed the Committee on Public Health – contact your representative today!**

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