

**DFW-APIC Government Affairs Committee (GAC) – 78<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session\***

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- ?? Friday 03/14/03 was the deadline for filing bills and joint resolutions other than local bills, emergency appropriations, and bills that have been declared an emergency by the governor.
- ?? Status of bills with infection control content under “Last Activity” as of 03/30/03. Shaded areas with most activity toward filed bill passing and becoming law
- ?? Committees most likely to have infection control content:
  - House: Public Health (PH) or Oversight S/C of Public Health (S/C PH)
  - House: Public Safety (PS) or Oversight S/C of Public Safety (S/C PS)
  - Senate: Health and Human Services (HHS)

Texas Bills Filed with Infection Control Content

Bill Name	Last Activity	Summary of Content
HB 49 (Turner)	Referred PH 01/30/03	Relating to the authority of the TDH regarding sanitation and privacy in public school restrooms
HCR 11 (Corte)	Left pending in State Affairs Comm 02/24/03	Memorializing the congress to pursue research to quantify health risks and develop uniform exposure guidelines applicable to molds and mold aggregations that contribute to “sick buildings”
SB 28 (Zaffirini)	Reported from S/C of Higher Education favorably with substitute on 01/27/03	Relating to the collection and maintenance of bacterial meningitis immunization records by public institutions of higher education
SB 38 (Zaffirini)	Referred to HHS 01/27/03	Relating to certain immunization programs
SB 39 (Zaffirini)	Referred to HHS 01/27/03	Relating to the immunization registry
SB 40 (Zaffirini)	Left pending in HHS 03/04/03	Relating to an immunization education program established by the Texas Dept of Health
SB 185 (Janek) HB 446 (Smith)	Referred to HHS 01/30/03 Referred to Land & Resource Management on 02/10/03	Relating to standing water as a nuisance

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HB 627 (Reyna)	Defense Affairs Committee Rpt filed 03/28/03 with committee Coordinator	Relating to an area quarantine in response to a bioterrorist attack; imposing a criminal penalty (Defense Affairs & State-Fed Relations)
SB 399 (Van de Putte)	Left pending in Infrastructure Dev & Security Public Hearing on 03/03/03	Relating to the powers and duties of the governor and certain state agencies relating to public health, including public health emergencies.
SB 401 (Van de Putte)	Testimony taken in HHS 03/27/03	Relating to testing certain public safety personnel for accidental exposure to hepatitis B or Hepatitis C
SB 438 (Lindsay) HB 1074 (Rodriguez)	Referred to HHS 02/17/03 Referred to PH 02/24/03	Relating to disease control programs to reduce the risk of certain communicable Diseases (Clean Needle)
SB 486 (Zaffirini) HB 1035 (Delisi)	Referred to PH 03/26/03 Referred to PH 02/24/03	Relating to Immunization of children (increase immunization awareness)
HB 1028 (Coleman) SB 516 (Shapleigh)	Referred to PH 02/24/03 Referred to HHS 02/19/03	Relating to certain immunization programs (physician education programs)
HB 1926 (Capelo)	Left pending in PH 03/26/03	Relating to immunization of children (increase immunization awareness)
HB 1920 (Capelo)	Left pending in PH 03/26/03	Relating to certain immunization programs (informational material/physician education)
HB 1922 (Capelo)	Referred to PH on 03/12/03	Relating to an immunization education program established by TDH
HB 1614 (Truitt) SB 859 (Madla)	Left pending in PH 03/12/03 Referred to HHS on 03/10/03	Relating to the reporting of medical errors by certain hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, and mental hospitals
HB 1560 (Coleman)	Scheduled for PH public hearing on 04/03/03	Relating to a study of toxic molds conducted by TDH
HB 2702 (Keffer)	Referred to PH on 03/25/03	Relating to immunization programs (flu vaccine for $\geq$ 65 during <i>hospitalization</i> w/documentation)
SB 1148	Referred to HHS on 03/17/03	Relating to information provided to parents of newborn children relating to immunizations (hospital)

\* Current as of 03/30/03; Go to [www.capitol.state.tx.us/](http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/) to view content of bills filed