

DFW-APIC Government Affairs Committee (GAC) – 78th 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.
- Only bills with activity *beyond* ‘Left Pending in Committee’ are included in this report. See prior month(s) report for filed bills removed from this report because did not progress toward passing into law. Of 25 bills filed w/IC Content, only 12 have progressed beyond initial filing and first committee hearing (listed below).
- Status of bills with infection control content under “Last Activity” as of 04/25/03.
- 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
SB 28 (Zaffirini)	03/24/03 Reported from S/C favorably with substitute	Relating to the collection and maintenance of bacterial meningitis immunization records by public institutions of higher education
SB 40 (Zaffirini)	04/14/03 H Committee Report sent to Calendars	Relating to an immunization education program established by the Texas Dept of Health
SB 185 (Janek)	04/25/03 Referred to Public Health	Relating to standing water as a nuisance
HB 627 (Reyna)	Referred to Infrastructure Dev & Safety 04/14/03	Relating to an area quarantine in response to a bioterrorist attack; imposing a criminal penalty (Defense Affairs & State-Fed Relations)
SB 401 (Van de Putte)	Referred to Public Health 04/22/03	Relating to testing certain public safety personnel for accidental exposure to hepatitis B or Hepatitis C
SB 438 (Lindsay)	04/14/03 S/C Rpt Printed/Distributed	Relating to disease control programs to reduce the risk of certain communicable Diseases (Clean Needle)
HB 1926 (Capelo)	04/29/03 H Placed on General State Calendar	Relating to immunization of children (increase immunization awareness)

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HB 1920 (Capelo)	04/29/03 H placed on General State Calendar	Relating to certain immunization programs (informational material/physician education)
HB 1614 (Truitt)	Placed on Major State Calendar 04/28/03	Relating to the reporting of medical errors by certain hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, and mental hospitals
HB 1560 (Coleman)	04/25/03 H Committee Rpt Printed/Distributed	Relating to a study of toxic molds conducted by TDH
HB 2702 (Keffer)	Scheduled for 2 nd Public Hearing 04/30/03	Relating to immunization programs (flu vaccine for ≥ 65 during <i>hospitalization</i> w/documentation
SB 1148	04/22/03 S Committee Rpt Printed/Distributed	Relating to information provided to parents of newborn children relating to immunizations (hospital)

- Current as of 04/25/03; Go to www.capitol.state.tx.us/ to view content of bills filed

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- 01/31/03 PROPOSED for Chapter 99: Occupational Diseases [25 TAC § 99.1 and 97.178 (pages 823 to 824)] – On 04/18/03 25 TAC § 99.1 was **ADOPTED** on 04/18/03 (for TDH to be HIPAA compliant with requests of information.
NOTE: All other 01/31/03 PROPOSED sections were not adopted as of 04/25/03.

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