

## DFW-APIC Government Affairs Committee (GAC) – 82<sup>nd</sup> Texas Legislative Session

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### NATIONAL ISSUE

- REMINDER: Read your weekly APIC E-News for updates on federal issues

### TEXAS ISSUES

TEXAS REGISTER (<http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml>)

- The **proposed** changes to clarify required school entry immunization rules were published 1/7/11: TITLE 25. HEALTH SERVICES; PART 1. DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES; CHAPTER 97. COMMUNICABLE DISEASES; SUBCHAPTER B. IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS IN TEXAS ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION §97.63; SUBCHAPTER D. STATEWIDE IMMUNIZATION OF CHILDREN IN CERTAIN FACILITIES AND BY HOSPITALS, PHYSICIANS, AND OTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS §97.101, §97.102. Public comment closes February 4, 2011.

### TEXAS HAI/PAE REPORTING RESOURCES

Be sure and check the websites below for updated information on facility requirements at least monthly. Have you signed up for your Texas HAI Reporting Seminar (Mandatory)?

[http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/idcu/health/infection\\_control/HAI/](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/idcu/health/infection_control/HAI/) -- Texas HAI Homepage

[http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/idcu/health/infection\\_control/HAI/Reporting/](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/idcu/health/infection_control/HAI/Reporting/) -- Reporting

### TEXAS 82<sup>nd</sup> LEGISLATIVE SESSION

- As of 1/31/11 there are x9 bills filed with the word “Infection” and x34 bills filed with the word “Disease.” Of these 43 bills we’ve reviewed we are tracking four (04) as listed below. These bills have the potential to impact the practice of infection prevention and control at the healthcare facility level and/or immunization system.
- Status of bills with infection control content under “Last Activity” as of 1/31/11.

Texas Bills Filed with Infection Control Content\*

Bill Name	Last Activity	Summary of Content
SB 64 (Zaffirini)	Filed 11/08/10	Relating to the right of an employee who is a victim of a crime to time off from work to attend court proceedings related to that crime. (employee health implications).
HB 117 (McClendon)	Filed 11/08/10	Relating to disease control outreach programs to reduce the risk of certain communicable diseases. (includes needle exchange program).
SB 241 (Ellis)	Filed 12/01/10	Relating to HIV and AIDS tests and to health benefit plan coverage of HIV and AIDS tests. (an “opting out” only for HIV testing in healthcare facilities?). NOTE: Companion Bill HB 786

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

^ Scheduled for Public Hearing

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