

DFW-APIC Government Affairs Committee (GAC) – 82nd 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>): No new activity

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/ -- Texas HAI Homepage

http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/idcu/health/infection_control/HAI/Reporting/ -- Reporting

Also, the CDC released several resources on April 1, 2011 that may be of interest to you.

1. Guidelines for the Prevention of Intravascular Catheter-Related Infections available at the following website: <http://www.cdc.gov/hicpac/pdf/guidelines/bsi-guidelines-2011.pdf>

2. CDC and the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) released a state policy toolkit for the elimination of healthcare-associated infections (HAIs): Eliminating Healthcare-Associated Infections: State Policy Options. The purpose of this toolkit is to provide guidance and examples to senior policy makers on various promising ways to use legal and policy interventions in a comprehensive HAI prevention program. Available at: <http://www.cdc.gov/HAI/prevent/astho-policy-toolkit.html>

TEXAS 82nd LEGISLATIVE SESSION

- As of 4/6/11 there are x30 bills filed with the word “Infection” and x170 bills filed with the word “Disease.” Of these 200 bills reviewed we are tracking fifteen (15) 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 4/6/11.

Texas Bills Filed with Infection Control Content*

Bill Name	Last Activity	Summary of Content
SB 64 (Zaffirini)	Filed 11/08/10; Considered in public hearing, testimony taken and left pending in committee 2/22/11	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). NOTE: Companion Bill HB 3229
HB 117 (McClendon)	Filed 11/08/10; Referred to Public Health 2/11/11	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; Referred to Health & Human Services 1/31/11	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
HB 614 (Hopson)	Filed 1/12/11; Referred to Public Health 2/18/11	Relating to allowing health care providers to provide services across state lines in catastrophic circumstances.
HB 786 (Davis)	Filed 1/21/11; Referred to Insurance 2/23/11	Relating to HIV and AIDS tests and to health benefit plan coverage of HIV and AIDS tests. NOTE: Companion Bill SB 241
SB 8 (Nelson)	Filed 2/16/11; Referred to Health & Human Services 2/17/11; Considered in public hearing 3/29/11; Committee substitute was voted favorably from committee and passed to the local and uncontested calendar 4/4/11	Relating to improving the quality and efficiency of health care, including reporting of HAIs; Provides for the establishment of the Texas Institute of Health Care Quality and Efficiency to improve health care quality, accountability and cost containment by encouraging health care provider collaboration, effective health care delivery models and coordination of health care services. Article 5 addresses reporting of HAIs and includes provision for public reporting for potentially preventable complications and potentially preventable readmissions for hospitals. It also requires TDSHS to study adverse health conditions and potentially preventable conditions occurring in long-term care facilities and develop recommendations for reporting.
SB 620 (Nelson)	Filed 2/11/11; Referred to Health & Human Services 2/17/11; Considered in public hearing 3/29/11;	Relating to the reporting of health care-associated infections and preventable adverse events (allows for use of NHSN).

	Committee substitute was voted favorably from committee and passed to the local and uncontested calendar 3/31/11	
SB 671 (Gallegos)	Filed 2/14/11; Referred to State Affairs 2/23/11	Relating to the creation of a state occupational health and safety plan (Texas OSHA).
HB 1657 (Davis)	Filed 2/22/11; Referred to Public Health 3/3/11; Considered in public hearing and left pending in committee 3/24/11	Relating to reporting of deaths associated with reportable HAIs.
HB 3229 (Hernandez)	Filed 3/10/11; Referred to Business and Industry 3/18/11; Considered in public hearing and left pending in committee 4/4/11	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. NOTE: Companion Bill SB 64
SB 969 (Nelson)	Filed 2/25/11; Referred to Health and Human Services 3/8/11; Considered in public hearing 3/22/11; Committee substitute was voted favorably from committee and to be passed to the local and uncontested calendar 4/7/11	Relating to the establishment of the Public Health Funding and Policy Committee within the Department of State Health Services
SB 1107 (Davis)	Filed 3/3/11; Referred to Higher Education 3/16/11; Considered in public hearing and	Relating to the vaccination against bacterial meningitis of first-time students at public and private or independent institutions of higher education. NOTE: Companion Bill HB 1816

	left pending in committee 3/30/11; Scheduled for public hearing 4/6/11	
SB 1177 (Nelson)	Filed 3/4/11; Referred to Health and Human Services 3/16/11; Scheduled for public hearing 4/5/11	Relating to health care facilities' adoption of a policy on vaccine preventable diseases.
HB 3336 (Coleman)	Filed 3/11/11; Referred to Public Health 3/18/11; Considered in public hearing and left pending in committee 3/30/11; Committee substitute was voted favorably from committee and to be passed to the local and uncontested calendar 4/4/11	Relating to information regarding pertussis for parents of newborn children.
HB 3493 (Coleman)	Filed 3/11/11; Referred to Public Health 3/22/11	Relating to the creation of the employee wellness program.

* Go to www.capitol.state.tx.us/ to view content of bills filed

^ Scheduled for Public Hearing

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