

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

TEXAS 82nd LEGISLATIVE SESSION

- As of 5/31/11 there were x87 bills filed with the word “Infection” and x594 bills filed with the word “Disease.” Of these 681 bills reviewed we are tracking eighteen (18) 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.
- Please note that the 82nd Regular Legislative Session completed 5/30/2011.
- The 82nd Special Legislative Session one (1) began 5/31/11.
- Status of bills with infection control content under “Last Activity” as of 6/2/11.

Texas Bills Filed with Infection Control Content*

Bill Name	Last Activity	Summary of Content**
SB 7 (Nelson) [82nd Special Session 1]	^ Scheduled for Public Hearing in Finance Committee on 6/2/11	Relating to the reporting of health care-associated infections and preventable adverse events (allows for use of NHSN).

HB 7 (Zerwas) [82nd Special Session 1]	^ Scheduled for Public Hearing in Appropriations Committee on 6/2/11	Relating to the reimbursements for certain services provided to Medicaid recipients and reimbursement adjustments relating to those services. Includes the following language: "Potentially preventable complication" means a harmful event or negative outcome with respect to a person, including an infection or surgical complication..."
SB 64 (Zaffirini)	Filed 11/08/10; 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)	Voted on by Senate 5/29/11. Point of order sustained 5/30/11	Relating to improving the quality and efficiency of health care, including reporting of HAIs
SB 620 (Nelson)	Reported out of House Committee on Public Health 5/16/11; sent to calendars 5/20/11	Relating to the reporting of health care-associated infections and preventable adverse events (allows for use of NHSN).
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; Left pending in committee 3/24/11	Relating to reporting of deaths associated with reportable HAIs.
HB 3229 (Hernandez)	Filed 3/10/11; 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)	Sent to the Governor 5/27/11	Relating to the establishment of the Public Health Funding and Policy Committee within the Department of State Health Services
SB 1107 (Davis) ★	Sent to the Governor 5/16/11; Signed by the Governor 5/27/11; Effective immediately.	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
SB 1177 (Nelson)	Reported out of House Committee on Public Health 5/18/11; Placed on General State Calendar 5/24/11	Relating to health care facilities' adoption of a policy on vaccine preventable diseases; imposing penalties.
HB 3336 (Coleman)	Sent to the Governor 5/27/11	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.
HB 3744 (Gonzales, Schwertner, Coleman)	Reported out of House Committee on Public Health 4/26/11; Committee report sent to Calendars 5/3/11	Relating to the reimbursements for certain services provided to Medicaid recipients and reimbursement adjustments relating to those services. Includes the following language: "Potentially preventable complication" means a harmful event or negative outcome with respect to a person, including an infection or surgical complication..."

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

**Shaded areas are bills that are moving; circled bills have been sent to the Governor
In Texas, a bill becomes a law within 30 days of passage if not vetoed by the Governor
^ Scheduled for Public Hearing

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