

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

**July 2011**

**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 at least monthly for updated information on facility requirements.

[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 7/6/11 there were x100 bills filed with the word “Infection” and x625 bills filed with the word “Disease.” Of these 725 bills reviewed, we continue to follow the five (5) bills listed below that have been sent to the governor. These bills have the potential to impact the practice of infection prevention and control at the healthcare facility level and/or immunization system.
- Previously followed bills filed that have not been sent to the governor can be reviewed in prior 2011 GAC reports available archived at [www.apicdfw.org](http://www.apicdfw.org).
- Please note that the 82<sup>nd</sup> Regular Legislative Session concluded 5/30/11.
- The 82<sup>nd</sup> Special Legislative Session 1 began 5/31/11 and concluded 6/29/11.
- Status of bills with infection control content under “Last Activity” as of 7/6/11.

**Texas Bills Filed with Infection Control Content\***

Bill Name	Last Activity	Summary of Content**
SB 7 (Nelson) [82nd Special Session 1]	Sent to the Governor 6/28/11	Relating to the reporting of health care-associated infections and preventable adverse events (allows for designation for use of NHSN) NOTE: Companion Bill HB 7

HB 7 (Zerwas)  [82nd Special Session 1]	Left pending in committee 6/3/11	Relating to the reimbursements for certain services provided to Medicaid recipients and reimbursement adjustments relating to those services. Includes the language "Potentially preventable complication"...including an infection or surgical complication..."
HB 1 (Pitts)	Signed by the Governor 6/17/11; Effective on 9/1/11	General Appropriations Bill from Regular Legislative Session. Article II - 88. Data Collection on the Incidence of Health Care-Associated Infections: Expands Texas HAI Reporting System to include the reporting of information relating to infections resulting in the death of the patient.
SB 969 (Nelson)	Signed by the Governor 6/17/11; Effective on 9/1/11	Relating to the establishment of the Public Health Funding and Policy Committee within the Department of State Health Services
SB 1107 (Davis)	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.
HB 3336 (Coleman)	Signed by the Governor 6/17/11; Effective immediately.	Relating to information regarding pertussis for parents of newborn children.

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

\*\*Shaded areas are bills that have moved; 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

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