

Legislative Concerns - September 2019

Bills to OPPOSE – These infringe upon Pennsylvanians fundamental rights.

- **OPPOSE** [SB 653, Leach](#)– Would remove ALL non-medical exemptions to the required school vaccinations in Pennsylvania.
- **OPPOSE** [SB 633, Costa](#)– Would allow the governor to declare a public health emergency, thus suspending consumer protections and allowing for fast-tracked regulations, possibly allowing for forced vaccination. New York used a similar bill to declare a State of Emergency and sent health officials door to door when measles were detected. This bill passed the Senate and is currently in the House Health Committee.
- **OPPOSE** [HB 1771, Frankel](#) - Require annual doctor visits for non-medical exemptions. With doctors refusing to see non-vaccinating patients, children would be without options. Referred to [Education Committee](#).
- **OPPOSE** [SB 626, Schwank](#) Would force parents to annual state-mandated, state-provided vaccine education when using religious or philosophical vaccine exemption.
- **OPPOSE** [HB 1767, Kosierowski](#) - Require schools to publish exemption rates. Referred to [Education Committee](#).
- **OPPOSE** [SB274, Ward](#) & [HB91, Grove](#)– (Now in the [House Health Committee](#)) Allows pharmacists to administer immunizations to children 9 and older. Pharmacists are not trained to screen for vaccine contraindications or manage severe vaccine reactions.

Bills to SUPPORT - These support true informed consent and protect citizens' rights to make medical choices without coercion.

- **SUPPORT** [HB286, Metcalfe](#) Prevents doctors from refusing care to patients based on their vaccine choices. It also relieves parents from being forced to sign a biased, self-incriminating and misleading document in order to receive care.
- **SUPPORT** [HB 508, Cox](#)– Affirms and protects the intrinsic right of PA parents to determine the upbringing, education and care of their children.
- **SUPPORT** [HB48, Diamond](#) – Requires schools to include exemption information in any correspondence that lists vaccine requirements for school attendance.

Pennsylvanians deserve true informed consent for medical procedures including vaccines.