

OPPOSE – [SB 653](#) [Senator Daylin Leach](#)

Removes ALL non-medical vaccine exemptions for school students.

Referred to [Senate Education Committee Chair Wayne Langerholc](#) (717) 787-5400, (814) 765-0555

SB653 would **prohibit PA parents from exercising their rights of religion and conscience** by denying them the option of refusing vaccines for their children.

SB653 has NO exceptions for any religious group or homeschoolers as they are subject to the same vaccine requirements as children who attend public or private schools.

Since 1776, Pennsylvania has consistently recognized inherent rights and religious freedom. [Section 3](#) of the PA Constitution states, “**Religious freedom.** All men have a natural and indefeasible right to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their own consciences;; no human authority can, in any case whatever, control or interfere with the rights of conscience,”

The use of [vaccines derived from cell lines](#) from from aborted babies (WI-38, MRC-5), cows, pigs, monkeys,¹ and other species is inconsistent with the religious beliefs of some.

Vaccines are pharmaceutical products that carry a risk of injury or death for some. According to the **Institute of Medicine**, doctors cannot accurately predict who will be harmed by vaccines because of unknown biological, genetic and environmental high risk factors,² and the safety of the federally recommended childhood vaccine schedule has not been adequately studied.³

The United States Government has paid out more than [\\$4.2 billion dollars to vaccine victims](#) through the [National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program](#).

Vaccines manufacturers and the doctors who administer vaccines are shielded from liability for vaccine injuries and deaths through the combination of the [law passed by Congress in 1986](#) and the 2011 Supreme Court Decision [BRUESEWITZ ET AL. v. WYETH LLC, FKA WYETH, INC., ET AL.](#)

The [U.S. Vaccine Market](#) alone was \$36.45 Billion in 2018, and expected to reach \$50.42 billion by 2023. This powerful industry benefits from forced use.

[Children today receive 69 doses of vaccines for 16 different viral and bacterial illnesses](#); 35 doses and 5 more unique vaccines have been added to the schedule in the last 15 years. There is no end in sight; biopharmaceutical companies are [developing more than 264 vaccines](#).

Preserve religious exemptions for PA families.

¹<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/downloads/appendices/b/excipient-table-2.pdf>

²Institute of Medicine. Adverse Effects of Vaccines: Evidence and Causality: [Evaluating Biological Mechanisms of Adverse Events: Increased Susceptibility](#). 2012.

³Institute of Medicine. The Childhood Immunization Schedule and Safety: Stakeholder Concerns, Scientific Evidence and Future Studies: [Summary: Health Outcomes](#) and [Conclusions About Scientific Findings](#) and [Review of Scientific Findings](#) 2013.