



Shifting Vaccination Politics – The End of Personal-Belief Exemptions in California http://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMp1508701

- ✓ New law in California (SB 277) narrows exceptions to school-entry vaccination mandates
- ✓ New law applies to elementary and secondary schools, public and private day-care centers
- ✓ The bill's opponents mobilized fiercely against it
- ✓ Four factors converged to enable its passage (examples)
- ✓ Substantial challenges and the strongest constitutional arguments may arise in states that allow exemptions for religious but not secular reasons
- ✓ Challengers may claim that SB 277 violates children's right to education
- ✓ Enforcement will be a difficult as educational institutions do not face penalties for failing to ensure follow-through (examples given)
- √ Other states may want to eliminate philosophical and religious exemptions as fewer vaccination exemptions and vaccine-preventable illnesses would be accomplishments that they would find difficult to ignore

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