

Codebook for Reallocation of Public Health Authority

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This codebook describes the variables in a dataset that details state legislation attempting to shift public health authority. This is a longitudinal dataset displaying bills introduced between January 1, 2021, and May 20, 2022. The jurisdictions selected for measurement are the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

For this dataset, the **series_title** column on the Summary Data sheet displays the individual bill number.

This codebook should be used in conjunction with the statistical data extract that can be downloaded from the dataset homepage by clicking on the Data button. There are four standard variables in every LawAtlas dataset. They are:

JURISDICTION

This is a dropdown selection in each coding form. It includes the jurisdictions coded in the dataset.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This date (MM/DD/YYYY) is the most recent effective date of the legal text captured for this place. The effective date represents the date the policy coded was put into effect.

VALID THROUGH DATE

This date (MM/DD/YYYY) is either the last date a law or policy was in effect prior to an amendment or the last date the researcher confirmed the law or policy was in effect during the research process.

LEGAL TEXT

This is a text box that captures all legal text relevant to the coding questions. This will not download into Microsoft Excel.

An important note about the Statistical data page:

This codebook should be used in conjunction with the statistical data extract that can be downloaded from the dataset homepage by clicking on the Data button. The value labels defined below will correspond with the coded responses you will see on the Statistical data page. Coding questions that are not answered will show as a period (“.”) in the Excel cell. Coding questions can be intentionally not answered, such as when a state does not have a law and the coder therefore leaves the remaining coding answers as unanswered.

Questions

Question 1:	Is there a bill in the state that shifts public health authority?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 1:	PHS_bill
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 1.1:	What is the bill's number?
Question Type:	Text Field
Variable Name 1.1:	PHS_bnum
Question 1.2:	When was the bill introduced?
Question Type:	Date Field
Variable Name 1.2:	PHS_bintro
Question 1.3:	What is the bill's status?
Question Type:	Categorical - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 1.3:	PHS_bact
Variable Values:	0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Value Label:	0 = Introduced
Value Label:	1 = Passed First Chamber
Value Label:	2 = Passed Second Chamber
Value Label:	3 = Failed
Value Label:	4 = Vetoed

Value Label:	5 = Enacted
Question 1.4:	What was the date of the last action?
Question Type:	Date Field
Variable Name 1.4:	PHS_bactd
Question 2:	Is there a bill that shifts public health authority from the governor?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 2:	PHS_gbill
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 2.1:	Where does the public health authority shift?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 2.1(A):	PHS_gshift_To the state legislature
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 2.1(B):	PHS_gshift_To another state entity
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 2.1(C):	PHS_gshift_To another local entity
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No

Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 3:	Is there a bill that shifts public health authority from the state health official?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 3:	PHS_sbill
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 3.1:	Where does the public health authority shift?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 3.1(A):	PHS_sshift_To the governor
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 3.1(B):	PHS_sshift_To the state legislature
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 3.1(C):	PHS_sshift_To another state entity
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 3.1(D):	PHS_sshift_To a local entity
Variable Values:	0, 1

Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 4:	Is there a bill that shifts public health authority from the local health official?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 4:	PHS_Ibill
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 4.1:	Where does the public health authority shift?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 4.1(A):	PHS_Ishift_To the state legislature
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 4.1(B):	PHS_Ishift_To the state entity
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 4.1(C):	PHS_Ishift_To another local entity
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 4.1(D):	PHS_Ishift_To the governor

Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes