

# Codebook for Strengthening Public Health

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## CODEBOOK

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This codebook describes the variables in a dataset that details state legislation strengthening public health. 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.

<b>Questions</b>	
<b>Question 1:</b>	<b>Is there a bill that strengthens public health authority?</b>
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
<b>Variable Name 1:</b>	<b>PHAExp_bill</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 1.1:</b>	<b>What is the bill's number?</b>
Question Type:	Text Field
<b>Variable Name 1.1:</b>	<b>PHAExp_bnum</b>
<b>Question 1.2:</b>	<b>When was the bill introduced?</b>
Question Type:	Date Field
<b>Variable Name 1.2:</b>	<b>PHAExp_bintro</b>
<b>Question 1.3:</b>	<b>What is the bill's status?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - mutually exclusive
<b>Variable Name 1.3:</b>	<b>PHAExp_bact</b>
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

<b>Question 1.4:</b>	<b>What was the date of the last action?</b>
Question Type:	Date Field
Variable Name 1.4:	PHAExp_bactd