

**Kansas Commission on Disability Concerns  
Legislative Session Update  
February 16, 2023**

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**Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for non-exempt bills to be out of the house of origin. This is called “Turnaround Day.” There are fewer hearings scheduled next week and more time spent on the House and Senate floors working bills. Both houses are not in session Monday and Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. They are back in session on Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Please check the calendars yourself everyday if you are following bills or budgets so you know what is happening. You can find the calendars [here](#).**

**Thursday 2/16**

**10:30 am Senate Federal and State Affairs, Hearing on SB 218 Relating to voter registration; requiring the assignment of registered voters whose residence has no corresponding mailing address to the voting precinct where such voter resides, Room 144-S, Committee Assistant Sheila Wodtke 785-296-4335.**

**1:30 pm House Education Committee, Hearing on HB 2322 Revising the definition of “children with disabilities” for the purposes of providing special education to replace emotional disturbance with emotional disability, Room 218-N, Committee Assistant Deborah Bremer, 785-296-3113.**

**Monday, 2/20**

**9:30 am Senate financial Institutions and Insurance, Hearing on SB 24 Changing the required number of employees contained in the definitions of “large employer” and “small employer” for purposes of coverage for autism spectrum disorder, Committee Assistant Suzanne Nelson, 785-296-7367**

**10:30 am Senate Federal and State Affairs, Hearing on SB 208 Restricting the number of remote ballot boxes that may be used in each county and requiring certain monitoring conditions for such use, Room 144-S, Committee Assistant Sheila Wodtke 785-296-4335**

**1:30 pm House Health and Human Services, Hearing on HB 2338 designating sickle cell disease awareness week and requiring KDHE to study and report on topics related to sickle cell disease, Room 112-N, Committee Assistant David Long 785-296-7488**

**1:30 pm Senate Education, Hearing on Kansa School for the Blind budget, Room 144-S, Committee Assistant Cyndie Rexer 785-296-7368**

**Tuesday 2/21**

**9:00 am House Local Government, Final action on HB 2376 prohibiting the recording of any restrictive covenant that violates the Kansas act against discrimination and authorizing the removal of such covenants from existing documents and prohibiting city or county laws prohibiting discrimination that are more restrictive than state law. Room 281-N**

**9:30 am Senate Financial Institutions and Insurance, Final action on SB 24 - Changing the required number of employees contained in the definitions of “large employer” and “small employer” for purposes of coverage for autism spectrum disorder, Room 546-S**

**Wednesday 2/22**

**Thursday 2/23**

**Friday, 2/24**

**Active Bills, 2023**

<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Bill History and Current Status</b>
SB 4	Providing for a sales tax exemption for construction or repair of buildings used for human habitation by the Kansas State School for		Hearing in Committee on Assessment and Taxation 1/19 at 9:30 am in room 548-S,

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	the Blind and the Kansas State School for the Deaf		contact John Gauntt at (785) 296-2713 to provide testimony.
SB 12	Enacting the Kansas child mutilation prevention act to criminalize performing gender reassignment surgery and prescription of hormone replacement therapy on certain persons and providing grounds for unprofessional conduct for healing arts licensees.		<b>Hearing 2/14, 8:30 am Room 142-S, Committee on Public Health and Welfare Donola Fairbanks 785-296-5123</b>
SB 21	Providing an annual sales tax holiday for sales of certain school supplies		Hearing 1/19
SB 24	Relating to insurance; coverage for autism spectrum disorder; changing the required number of employees contained in definitions of "large employer" and "small employer"	Reduces large employer to more than 51 employees from 101 employees and small employer from 100 or fewer employees to 50 or fewer employees.	<b>Hearing on 2/20, 9:30 am, Room 546-S, Suzanne Nelson, 785-296-7367</b>
SB 58	Concerning sales taxation; relating to exemptions; providing and exemption for certain purchases by disabled veterans of the armed forces of the United States		Referred to Assessment and Taxation
SB 82	Relating to the school sports head injury prevention act; requiring schools to establish concussion management teams; standards of care protocols; biennial education		Education Committee
SB 135	Relating to medical cannabis; creating the medical cannabis regulation act		Referred to Federal and State Affairs
SB 139	Expanding newborn screening services and increasing transfer from the medical assistance fee fund to the Kansas newborn screening fund.		Referred to Public Health and Welfare
SB 170	An act concerning house; relating to assistance animals; enacting the Kansas Assistance animals in housing act; creating the crime of misrepresentations of entitlement to an assistance animal in housing and providing penalties therefore		Referred to Federal and State Affairs

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SB 208	An act concerning elections; relating to advance voting ballots; restricting the number of remote ballot boxes that may be used for the return of such ballots; providing monitoring requirements for the use of such ballot boxes.		Hearing 2/20, 10:30 am, Room 144-S, Committee Assistant Sheila Wodtke 785-296-4335
SB 209	An act concerning elections; relating to advance voting ballots requiring the return of such ballots by 7:pm on the day of the election		Hearing 2/14 10:30 am, Room 144-S Sheila Wodtke 785-296-4335.
SB 218	An act concerning elections; relating to voter registration; requiring the assignment of registered voters whose residence has no corresponding mailing address to the voting precinct where such voter resides		Hearing 2/16, Room 144-S Sheila Wodtke 785-296-4335.
<b>HB 225</b>	<b>Establishing the KanCare bridge to a healthy Kansas Program; relating to medical assistance; expanding income limits for eligibility to 138% of the federal poverty level</b>	<b>This is Governor Kelly's Medicaid expansion bill.</b>	<b>Referred to Public Health and Welfare</b>
<b>SB 246</b>	<b>Defining in-state and interstate practitioners under the Kansas telemedicine act, establishing certain standards of care, requiring certain insurance coverage of in-state telemedicine services, etc.</b>		<b>Referred to Public Health and Welfare</b>
<b>HB 257</b>	<b>An act concerning places of public accommodation; requiring that closed captioning be enabled on certain televisions and television receivers therein.</b>		<b>Referred to Federal and State Affairs</b>
HB 2010	Updating a statutory cross reference to provide proper jury instruction in cases when a defendant lacks the required mental state to commit a crime		<b>Committee of Whole recommendation be passed as amended</b>
HB 2036	Concerning property taxation; relating to exemptions for homestead property of certain retired and disabled veterans		Hearing 1/30
HB 2038	Concerning elections; relating to voter identification; requiring postsecondary educational institutions to indicate when a student's identification issues by such institution cannot be used for voting purposes.		Referred to Elections

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HB 2039	Concerning wildlife and parks; relating to hunting and fishing licenses; exempting disabled veterans from certain requirements		Hearing 1/24
HB 2055	Concerning elections; relating to advance voting ballots; prohibiting third parties from mailing applications for such ballots to registered voters.		Referred to Elections
HB 2056	Concerning elections; relating to advance voting ballots requiring the return of such ballots by 7:00 pm on the day of the election		<b>Committee recommended be passed as amended.</b>
HB 2057	Concerning elections; relating to advance voting ballots; regulating the use of remote ballot boxes for the return of such ballots	Would limit county elections offices to one remote ballot box for each election unless more than 30,000 registered voters and then they can one for each section of 30,000 voters; boxes would only be open during hours when the election office can monitor who is dropping the ballots into the box, the boxes must be video monitored and have the camera set to record the face of the person submitting the ballot.	<b>Hearing 1/31</b>
HB 2060	Creating the special education and related services funding task force		Committee recommended bill be passed – <b>on General Orders above the line 2/16</b>
HB 2108	Providing a back to-school sales tax holiday for sales of certain school supplies, computers and clothing.		Hearing 2/2
HB 2111	Establishing a 0% state rate for sales and use taxes for food and food ingredients, providing a sales tax exemption for children’s diapers and feminine hygiene products, establishing the STAR bonds food sales tax revenue replacement fund, altering the calculations for STAR food districts and discontinuing the food sales income ta credit.		Hearing 2/7

<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Bill History and Current Status</b>
HB 2115	Prohibiting the use of restraints during hearings under the revised Kansas Juvenile justice code unless deemed appropriate by the court.		Referred to Corrections and Juvenile Justice Oversight
HB 2117	Requiring the secretary of state to revise the information collected from persons registering to vote to ensure the state may utilize the systematic alien verification of entitlements program (SAVE) to delete non-citizens from voter registration rolls.		Referred to Elections
HB 2118	Requiring the secretary of state to enter into agreements with the Kansas department of aging and disability services, the Kansas department of children and families and the Kansas department of health and environment to cross-check various welfare recipient data to ensure the state's voter registration rolls are current.		Referred to Elections
HB 2122	Requiring a witness to each signature on an advance voting ballot envelope and limiting the witness to not more than 10 advance voting ballot envelopes		Referred to Committee on Elections
HB 2138	Relating to career technical education; creating the career technical education credential and transition incentive for employment success act; providing state aid to school districts for students who obtain a credential; establishing the career technical education credential and transition incentive fund.	Would re-establish the Career Tech Ed program in which high school students who are allowed time during the school year to get a credential from a technical education college, the high school would receive money.	<b>Hearing in Education, 2/9, 1:30 pm in Room 218-N, Deborah Bremer 785-269-3113</b>
HB 2178	Concerning the Kansas act against discrimination; adding sexual orientation, gender identity or expression and status as a veteran as protected classes under the act		Federal and State Affairs
HB 2199	Relating to sales tax; authorizing for the purchase of up to two motor vehicles owned by resident disabled veterans or surviving spouses thereof to be exempt from the tax imposed by the Kansas retailers' sales tax act		Referred to Taxation

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HB 2200	Establishing a property tax exemption for homestead property of certain retired and disabled veterans		Referred to Taxation
HB 2202	Providing for a sales tax exemption for sales of over-the-counter drugs		Referred to Taxation
HB 2204	Establishing a refundable family caregivers of disabled veterans tax credit		Referred to Taxation
HB 2250	Enacting the supported decision-making agreements act; providing requirements for decision-making assistance for adults		Referred to Judiciary
HB 2253	Kathy's Bill – Disability Hiring Preference for State of Kansas civil service jobs. Establishing a state employment preference for persons with disabilities	<b>One amendment was added to the bill to allow documentation of a disabled veteran who has documentation that is different from that required in the Veterans Preference</b>	<b>Committee passed recommending Be passed as amended</b>
HB 2258	Relating to behavioral and mental health; prohibit certain licensed individuals from using conversation therapy on minors		Referred to Health and Human Services
<b>HB 2309</b>	<b>Making the 911 coordinating council subject to the Kansas governmental operations accountability law and reducing the fees imposed on telecommunications services and prepaid wireless services</b>	<b>Cutting fees in some counties that now have text-to-911 services might cause them to stop this service because of lack of funding. Reach out to Robert Cooper if you have questions (<a href="mailto:Robert.cooper@ks.gov">Robert.cooper@ks.gov</a>)</b>	<b>Referred to Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications</b>
HB 2322	Act concerning education; relating to exceptional children; revising the definition of “children with disabilities” to replace emotional disturbance with emotional disability; amending K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 72-3404 and 75-5399 and repealing the existing sections		Hearing 2/16, 1:30 pm, Room 218-N, Deborah Bremer, 785-269-3113
HB 2338	An act concerning health and healthcare; relating to sickle cell disease; designating sickle cell awareness week; requiring the department of		<b>Hearing 2/20 1:30 pm in room 112-N, David Long 785-296-7488</b>

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	health and environment to study and report on topics related to sickle cell disease.		
HB 2345	An act enacting the supported decision-making agreements act; relating to decision-making assistance for adults		Referred to Committee on Judiciary
HB 2353	An act concerning the care and treatment act for mentally ill persons; increasing the time allowed for an initial continued treatment order; adding criteria to determine when outpatient treatment may be ordered;		<b>Hearing 2/16 @ 1:30 pm Room 546-S in Committee on Judiciary Colette Niehues 785-296-7500</b>
<b>HB 2275</b>	<b>Concerning income taxation; relating to credits; increasing maximum y early amount of credit available for purchases under the disability employment act from qualified vendors</b>		<b>Hearing in Commerce, Labor and Economic Development 2/9</b>
HB 2376	Concerning housing discrimination; relating to the Kansas Act Against discrimination; prohibiting the recording of unlawful restrictive covenants; authorizing the removal of unlawful restrictive covenants; prohibiting any city or county ordinance or resolution prohibiting discrimination that is more restrictive than the Kansas Act Against Discrimination.		Referred to Local Government
HB 2368	An act concerning labor and employment; increasing the minimum wage; enacting the making work pay act		Referred to Commerce, Labor and Economic Development
<b>HB 2376</b>	<b>Prohibiting the recording of any restrictive covenant that violates the Kansas act against discrimination and authorizing the removal of such covenants from existing documents and prohibiting city or county laws prohibiting discrimination that are more restrictive than state law.</b>		<b>Final Action 2/21, 9:00 am Room 281-N</b>
HB 2415	<b>Establishing the KanCare bridge to a healthy Kansas program to expand Medicaid eligibility</b>		



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HB 2417	Relating to medical cannabis		Referred to Federal and State Affairs
HB 2418	Abolishing certain state programs, boards and commissions – Special Education funding task force	This may be alright if HB 2060 (above) is passed by both houses. HB 2060 is on Final Action today in the House.	Referred to Appropriations
HCR 5004	Urging the US Congress to fully fund the federal government's original funding promise under the individuals with disabilities education act.	Amended to replace current wording to "school districts, parent groups and disability advocates have championed" on page 1 line 34 and page 2 line 1	HCR is on Final Action today with the recommendation it be adopted as amended.

Exempt committees have asterisks (\*) next to them.

#### House Committees

Committee	Room	Mtg. time	Assistant	Phone
Agriculture	112-N	3:30 pm daily	Terry Bernatis	785-296-7463
Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget	112-N	3:30 pm daily	Terry Bernatis	785-296-7463
*Appropriations	112-N	9:00 am daily	Susan McClacherty	785-291-3446
*Calendar and Printing	On call			
Child Welfare & Foster Care	152-S	1:30 M & W	Carol Robertson	785-296-7644
Children and Seniors	152-S	1:30 am daily	Fran Lusk	785-296-7644
Commerce, Labor & Economic Development	346-S	1:30 pm daily	Cindy Harris	785-296-7685
Corrections & Juvenile Justice	546-S	1:30 pm daily	Colette Niehues	785-296-7500
Education	218-N	1:30 pm daily	Deborah Bremer	785-296-3113
K-12 Education Budget	546-S	3:30 pm daily	Patricia Rosario	785-296-3971
Elections	218-N	3:30 pm T & Th	Dana Rooney	785-296-7357
Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications	582-N	9:00 am T & Th	Mindy Sieve	785-296-7663
*Federal and State Affairs	346-S	9:00 am daily	Connie Bahner	785-368-7166
Financial Institutions and Insurance	582-N	9:00 am M & W	Rich Mergen	785-296-7689
General Government Budget	281-N	3:30 pm daily	Susan Tindall	785-296-7643
Health & Human Services	112-N	1:30 pm daily	David Long	785-296-7488
Higher Education Budget	281-N	1:30 pm daily	Phyllis Fast	785-296-7642
Insurance and Pensions	218-N	3:30 pm M & W	Coleen Coker	785-296-7696
Interstate Cooperation	On-call			

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Room</b>	<b>Mtg. time</b>	<b>Assistant</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Judiciary	582-N	3:30 pm daily	Kathi Rakestraw	785-296-5805
K-12 Budget	546-S	3:30 pm daily	Garret Belknap	785-296-3971
Legislative Budget	On-call		Kathy Holscher	
Legislative Modernization	218-N	9:00 am M & W	Debra Smith	785-296-4683
Legislative Post Audit	546-S	Noon	Nichole Blanchett	785-296-3793
Local Government	218-N	9:00 am M & W	Debra Heideman	785-296-7461
Redistricting	346-S	On-Call	Richard Frost	785-296-7695
Rules and Journal	582-N	Noon	Kathi Rakestraw	785-296-5805
Rural Revitalization	582-N	9:00 am daily	Tony Prohaska	785-296-7660
Select Investigating Committee	346-S	1:00 pm	Connie Bahner	785-368-7166
Social Services Budget	152-S	3:30 pm daily	Francie Hernandez	785-296-7640
*Taxation	346-S	3:30 pm daily	Lea Gerard	785-296-4830
Transportation	582-N	1:30 pm daily	Jennifer Forrester	785-296-7466
Transportation and Public Safety Budget	118-N	3:30 pm daily	Diane Brian	785-296-2361
Veterans and Military	281-N	9:00 am T & Th	Betty Boaz	785-296-5623
Water	218-N	9:00 am daily	Tony Prohaska	785-296-7384
Welfare Reform	152-S	1:30 pm T & Th	Gary Deeter	785-296-6989

### Senate Committees

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Room</b>	<b>Mtg. time</b>	<b>Assistant</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Agriculture and Natural Resources	144-S	8:30 am daily	Judy Marks	785-296-7353
*Assessment & Taxation	548-S	9:30 am daily	John Gauntt	785-296-2713
Commerce	546-S	10:30 am daily	Connie Burns	785-296-7476
Education	144-S	1:30 pm daily	Cyndie Rexer	785-296-7368
Ethics, Elections & Local Government	142-S	9:30 am daily	Randi Walters	785-296-7389
*Federal & State Affairs	144-S	10:30-noon daily	Sheila Wodtke	785-296-7362
Financial Institutions and Insurance	546-S	9:30 am daily	Suzanne Nelson	785-296-7367
Interstate Cooperation	On-call			
Judiciary	346-S	10:30 am daily	Barbara Moore	785-296-6817
Legislative Posts Audit	546-S	On Call	Nicole Blanchett	785-296-2793
Local Government	142-S	9:30 am daily	Jackie Gutierrez	785-269-7377
Organization, Calendar and Rules	On-call			
Public Health & Welfare	142-S	8:30 am daily	Donola Fairbanks	785-296-5123
Redistricting	548-S	2:00 pm on call	Jennifer Forrester	785-296-7361
Transparency and Ethics	142-S	9:30 am daily	Randi Walters	785-296-7389

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Transportation	546-S	8:30 am daily	Florence Deeter	785-296-7355
Utilities	548-S	1:30 pm daily	Michael Welton	785-296-4335
*Ways and Means	548-S	10:30 am-noon daily	Donna Fulkerson	785-296-7399

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