

**Kansas Commission on Disability Concerns (KCDC)
Legislative Session Update
January 11, 2024**

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Thursday, 1/11

9:00 am, House Appropriations/Senate Ways and Means, Room 346-S Briefing on FY 2024 and FY 2025 Consensus Revenue Estimates Fall Human Services Consensus Caseloads; Governor’s budget briefing by Adam Proffit, Secretary of Administration and director of the Budget.

1:30 Joint meeting of House and Senate Education Committees, Room 346-S, Dr. Laurie Curtis, Program Manager Early Literacy/Dyslexia, Kansas State Department of Education

Next week

Tuesday 1/16

1:30 Joint House and Senate Education, Room 112-N, Science of Reading report (information on dyslexia?)

Wednesday 1/17

3:30 House Social Services Budget, Room 152-S, Briefing on Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) Enhancements.

Thursday, 1/18

3:30 House Social Services Budget, Room 152-S, Briefing on Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDAD) Enhancements.

Active Bills, 2023 and 2024

Bill No.	Description	Impact	Bill History and Current Status
SB 4*	Providing for a sales tax exemption for construction or repair of buildings used for human habitation by the Kansas State School for the Blind and the Kansas State School for the Deaf		Hearing 1/19
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.		Hearing 2/14, Public Health and Welfare
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.	Governor signed 3/31
SB 58*	Concerning sales taxation; relating to exemptions; providing an exemption for certain purchases by disabled veterans of the armed forces of the United States		Hearing 3/9 9:30 am, Room 548-S, John Gauntt, Committee Assistant 785-296-2713

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SB 135*	Relating to medical cannabis; creating the medical cannabis regulation act		Hearing for proponents and neutral 3/15 Senate Federal and State Affairs, 10:30 am, Room 144-S Sheila Wodtke, Committee assistant 785-296-4335, Opponents 3/15 same room and committee assistant
SB 139*	Expanding newborn screening services and increasing transfer from the medical assistance fee fund to the Kansas newborn screening fund.		Withdrawn from Ways and Means and returned to Public Health and Welfare committee.
SB 170*	An act concerning housing; 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 Judiciary
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.	Committee struck “Remote ballot box” does not include any ballot boxes located in a county election office or satellite advance voting site.”	Approved by Governor April 14, 2023.
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		Governor Vetoed 4/19/2023, Veto override failed 4/26/2023
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.
SB 225*	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	This is Governor Kelly’s Medicaid expansion bill.	Referred to Public Health and Welfare
SB 246*	Defining in-state and interstate practitioners under the Kansas telemedicine act, establishing certain standards of care, requiring certain		Referred to Public Health and Welfare

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	insurance coverage of in-state telemedicine services, etc.		
SB 257*	An act concerning places of public accommodation; requiring that closed captioning be enabled on certain televisions and television receivers therein.		Referred to Federal and State Affairs
SB 258* Sen Sub for HB 2016	See HB 2016 below. Enacting the act against abusive access litigation; creating a civil action for determining whether litigation that alleges any access violations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or similar law constitutes abusive litigation and authorizing penalties for such abusive litigation	See companion bill HB 2423	Senate Judiciary passed out of committee
SB 259*	Concerning elections; prohibiting the use of ballot copies or images in election audits and recounts; setting a deadline of 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election for the receipt of all advance ballots by the office of the county election officer; requiring the use of paper ballots and hand counting of ballots for all elections; providing for legislative oversight of elections with respect to certain matters; mandating that election records be publicly available and the creation of certain additional election records pertaining to ballots by the county election officer; establishing use of a uniform paper for the printing of ballots for all elections; amending K.S.A. 25-1132, 25-3107 and 25-4413 and K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 25-2912 and 25-3009 and repealing the existing sections.		Referred to Federal and State Affairs
SB 262*	Requiring legislative approval of determinations or rules or regulations of the secretary of state; requiring the hand counting of ballots; prohibiting the use of electronic or electromechanical voting		Referred to Federal and State Affairs

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	systems and electronic poll books; providing for the public reporting of vote counts during vote canvassing		
SB 287	Expanding the Kansas silver alert plan to include persons 18 years of age or older who have dementia, a developmental disability or a cognitive impairment.		Passed by Senate 3/29 House received and introduced. Referred to Health and Human Services
SB 308*	Kathy’s Bill – Disability Hiring Preference for State of Kansas civil service jobs. Establishing a state employment preference for persons with disabilities		Ways and Means passed recommending be passed.
SB 310*	An act concerning elections; providing for a presidential preference primary election; establishing voter registration and voting procedures for such election	Changes time for requesting advanced ballots to 30 days prior to the election	Referred to Federal and State Affairs.
SB 327	Concerning taxation: relating to homestead property tax refund claims; excluding social security payments from household income and increasing the appraised value threshold for eligibility of seniors and disabled veterans related to increased property tax claims.		Referred to Assessment and Taxation Committee
Senate Substitute for 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	No changes were made to the section on group homes.	Bill became law 7/1/2023
Sen Sub for HB 2016 (SB 258*)	Enacting the act against abusive access litigation; creating a civil action for determining whether litigation that alleges any access violations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or similar law constitutes abusive litigation and authorizing penalties for such abusive litigation	See companion bill HB 2423 and HB 2016. Amendments in the Senate to make it only about website accessibility and changes attorney fees from “shall” to “may”. March 28	Signed by the Governor 4/14/2023.
HB 2036*	Concerning property taxation; relating to exemptions for homestead property of certain retired and disabled veterans		Passed House, Senate referred to Assessment and Taxation
HB 2038	Concerning elections; relating to voter identification; requiring postsecondary educational institutions to indicate when a		Referred to Elections

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	student's identification issues by such institution cannot be used for voting purposes.		
HB 2039	Concerning wildlife and parks; relating to hunting and fishing licenses; exempting disabled veterans from certain requirements	New section 1 specifically states a disabled veteran who presents correct documentation may receive a permanent license to hunt and fish	Passed by Senate with amendments, House and Senate conference committee, both houses adopted report. Will be engrossed and sent to the Governor for consideration. Law Effective 4-27-2023
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		Senate referred to Federal and State Affairs Committee.
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.	Hearing 1/31
Senate Sub for HB 2060	Creating the special education and related services funding task force Authorizing payments from the state safety fund to community colleges for the provision of driver's education, authorizing the provision of tools, supplies and examinations to AO-K career pathway program participants		Enrolled and presented to the Governor 5/5/2023 and signed by the Governor 5/12/2023. Effective Date 5/25/2023

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	and including high school equivalency credentials in performance-based payments for postsecondary educational institutions.		
HB 2108*	Providing a back to-school sales tax holiday for sales of certain school supplies, computers and clothing.		Hearing 2/2/2023
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 2/7/2023
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 form 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 2178*	Concerning the Kansas act against discrimination; adding sexual orientation, gender		Federal and State Affairs

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	identity or expression and status as a veteran as protected classes under the act		
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 o be exempt from the tax imposed by the Kansas retailers' sales tax act		Referred to Taxation
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 2258	Relating to behavioral and mental health; prohibit certain licensed individuals from using conversation therapy on minors		Referred to Health and Human Services
HB 2275*	Concerning income taxation; relating to credits; increasing maximum early amount of credit available for purchases under the disability employment act from qualified vendors. Allows vendors to have 30% of their workforce to be paid subminimum wage.		House passed, Senate received, referred to Commerce committee
HB 2309	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	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 (Robert.cooper@ks.gov)	Referred to Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications
HB 2322	Act concerning education; relating to exceptional children; revising the definition of "children with		Conference committee report concurred with amendments.

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	disabilities” to replace emotional disturbance with emotional disability; amending K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 72-3404 and 75-5399 and repealing the existing sections		Governor approved 4/18/2023. Law effective 7/1/2023
HB 2338	An act concerning health and healthcare; relating to sickle cell disease; designating sickle cell awareness week; requiring the department of health and environment to study and report on topics related to sickle cell disease.		Senate committee passed recommended Be passed as amended.
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;		Hearing cancelled
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
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.		Senate referred to Federal and State Affairs Committee.
HB 2415*	Establishing the KanCare bridge to a healthy Kansas program to expand Medicaid eligibility		Referred to Appropriations
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.	House passed and sent to Senate. Senate referred to committee on Ways and Means

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HB 2423*	Enacting the act against abusive access litigation; creating a civil action for determining whether litigation that alleges any access violations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or similar law constitutes abusive litigation and authorizing penalties for such abusive litigation.	See companion bill SB 258. Wording put into HB 2016, amended the floor of the Senate, passed and the House concurred with the amendments.	Hearing March 2, 3:30 pm Room 582-N, Committee Assistant Kathi Rackstraw, 785-296-5805
HB 2444	Establishing the school district mental health intervention team program in statue to provide coordinated mental health services for students among school districts and community mental health centers.		Hearing in K-12 Education Budget, 3/8, 3:30 pm, Room 546-S
HB 2488	Concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure: relating to assisting suicide, providing criminal penalties for intentionally advising or encouraging another person to committee or attempt to commit suicide.		Re. Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee
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	House passed. Senate referred to Committee on Education

Exempt committees have asterisks (*) next to them.

House Committees – Email addresses are listed for most standing committees. Not all have phone numbers listed. Check the Committee [website](#) for correct information.

Committee	Room	Mtg. time	Assistant	Phone/Email
Agriculture	112-N	3:30 pm daily	Dana Rooney	785-296-7357
Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget	112-N	3:30 pm daily	Josh Gosser	785-296-7679
*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	Judy Pierson	785-296-2721

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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	Diane Bernheimer	H.Education@house.ks.gov
Elections	218-N	3:30 pm T & Th	Cheryl Dew	H.Elections@house.ks.gov
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	Cheryl Baker	785-296-7636
Insurance	218-N	3:30 pm M & W	Carol Robertson	785-296-7644
Interstate Cooperation	On-call			
Judiciary	582-N	3:30 pm daily	Kathi Rakestraw	785-296-5805
K-12 Education Budget	546-S	3:30 pm daily	Garret Belknap	785-296-3971
Legislative Budget	On-call		Susan McClacherty	785-291-3446
Legislative Modernization	218-N	9:00 am M & W	Phillis Fast	785-296-4642
Local Government	281-N	9:00 am M & W	Debra Heideman	785-296-7681
Rules and Journal	On Call		Kathi Rakestraw	785-296-5805
Social Services Budget	152-S	3:30 pm daily	Francisca Hernandez	785-296-7640
*Taxation	346-S	3:30 pm daily	Lea Gerard	785-296-4830
Transportation	582-N	1:30 pm daily	Meg Atwood	H.Transportation@house.ks.gov
Transportation and Public Safety Budget	118-N	3:30 pm daily	Kyler Sweely	Transportation.Budget@house.ks.gov
Veterans and Military	281-N	9:00 am T & Th	Betty Boaz	785-296-5623
Water	218-N	9:00 am T & Th	Tony Prohaska	785-296-7384
Welfare Reform	152-S	1:30 pm T & Th	Gary Deeter	785-296-6989

Senate Committees

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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

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Education	144-S	1:30 pm daily	Cyndie Rexer	785-296-7368
*Federal & State Affairs	144-S	10:30-noon daily	Sheila Wodtke	785-296-4335
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
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
Transparency and Ethics	142-S	9:30 am MWF	Randi Walters	785-296-7389
Transportation	546-S	8:30 am daily	Florence Deeter	785-296-7355
Utilities	548-S	1:30 pm daily	Susanne Murphy	S.Utilities@senate.ks.gov
*Ways and Means	548-S	10:30 am-noon daily	Nancy Fontaine	785-296-3775

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