Journal of the Senate

FORTY-FOURTH DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Tuesday, March 17, 2026, 2:30 p.m.

The Senate was called to order by President Ty Masterson.
The roll was called with 40 senators present.
Invocation by Bishop/Dr. Calvin W. Lewis, guest of Senator Klemp:

Almighty God, we come before this governing body today with humble hearts, seeking Your wisdom and guidance as we begin this Kansas State Senate Session. Grant in this chamber today a spirit of cooperation, clarity of mind, compassion in their deliberations, decisions to craft policies that bring peace, prosperity and a steadfast shared commitment to justice and the common good of all Kansans. May their actions be respectful to one another while they serve the people of this plousios state and honor the trust placed in them. We ask for the courage to lead with conviction, setting aside partisan divides to seek the best for the future of Kansans. Bless all who serve here and may Your spirit of peace and unity prevail. In Your Name, we pray, Amen!

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Masterson.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Haley rose on a Point of Personal Privilege to introduce both his son, Dawson Haley and his son's partner, Tiffany Tan, who were visiting the Chamber while away on spring break from Lawrence, KS. The Senate received them with applause.

Senator Shane rose on a Point of Personal Privilege and submitted the following remarks: Powercat Motorsports, the Kansas State University Society of Automotive Engineers Formula Race team, has proudly represented the State of Kansas and Kansas State University since 1997 in Formula SAE, the world's largest and most prestigious competition to design, manufacture, test, race and present a fully functional, open wheel, open cockpit racecar. The Powercat Motorsports team represents a multidisciplinary effort that develops tangible workforce skills, while tasking its members to bring Kansas ingenuity and work ethic as they push the limits on design. In 2025, the Powercat Motorsports team made the cut to be one of one hundred eight international teams to compete at the FSAE Michigan Competition, out of more than a total seven hundred active teams in Formula SAE competition. The team's car was extraordinary and performance exceptional, with the team placing 4th overall in this prestigious international competition. The Kansas Senate congratulates Powercat Motorsports on their 2025 achievements and commends the team for its ongoing efforts to proudly represent the State of Kansas. With us today: Tyler Carlgren, Carter Cygan, Alayna Dill, Tyler Weber, Austin Menge, Brady Shanklin Congratulations to the

Powercat Motorsports team.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to Committees as indicated:

Assessment and Taxation: **SB 536**.
Government Efficiency: **HB 2788**.
Ways and Means: **HB 2781**.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following appointment made by the Governor and submitted to the Senate for confirmation was introduced and and the appointment letter read:

Harold Schorn, Attorney Rep., Kansas Human Rights Commission (submitted February 16, 2026)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STATE OFFICERS

Notice of intent to dispose of the Scranton preschool and District Administrative Center, Osage County, USD 434

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

Announcing passage of **SB 358**, **SB 396**, **SB 427, SB 473**.

Announcing passage of **SB 321**, as amended; **SB 361**, as amended; **SB 382**, as amended.

Also, passage of **SB 366,** as amended by **H Sub SB 366**.

The House nonconcurs in Senate amendments to **Sub HB 2250**, requests a conference and has appointed Representatives W. Carpenter, Bryce and Ruiz, S**.** as conferees on the part of the House.

The House nonconcurs in Senate amendments to **HB 2413**, requests a conference and has appointed Representatives Humphries, Williams, L. and Osman as conferees on the part of the House.

The House nonconcurs in Senate amendments to **HB 2507**, requests a conference and has appointed Representatives Kessler, Schmoe and Meyer as conferees on the part of the House.

The House nonconcurs in Senate amendments to **HB 2568**, requests a conference and has appointed Representatives Kessler, Schmoe and Meyer as conferees on the part of the House.

The House nonconcurs in Senate amendments to **HB 2605**, requests a conference and has appointed Representatives Francis, Essex and Helgerson as conferees on the part of the House.

The House nonconcurs in Senate amendments to **HB 2652**, requests a conference and has appointed Representatives Humphries, Williams, L. and Osman as conferees on the part of the House.

CONSIDERATION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS

On motion of Senator Gossage, the Senate acceded to the request of the House for a conference on **Sub HB 2250**.

The President appointed Senators Gossage, Clifford and Holscher as conferees on the part of the Senate.

On motion of Senator Warren, the Senate acceded to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2413**.

The President appointed Senators Warren, Titus and Corson as conferees on the part of the Senate.

On motion of Senator Peck, the Senate acceded to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2507**.

The President appointed Senators Peck, Alley and Francisco as conferees on the part of the Senate.

On motion of Senator Peck, the Senate acceded to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2568**.

The President appointed Senators Peck, Alley and Francisco as conferees on the part of the Senate.

On motion of Senator Petersen, the Senate acceded to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2605**.

The President appointed Senators Petersen, Klemp and Corson as conferees on the part of the Senate.

On motion of Senator Warren, the Senate acceded to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2652**.

The President appointed Senators Warren, Titus and Corson as conferees on the part of the Senate.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

On motion of Senator Blasi, the Senate resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, for consideration of bills on the calendar under the heading of General Orders with Senator Shane in the chair.

On motion of Senator Shane the following summary report was adopted:

HB 2393, HB 2702 be passed.

HB 2323, HB 2412, HB 2579, HB 2737, HB 2763 be passed as amended by adoption of the committee reports.

HB 2647 be passed as amended by adoption of the committee reports, be further amended by Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ACTIONS

HB 2323 be amended by adoption of the committee amendments.

HB 2393 be passed.

HB 2412 be passed as amended by adoption of the committee amendments.

HB 2579 be passed as amended by adoption of the committee amendments.

HB 2647 be passed as amended by adoption of the committee amendments, be further amended by motion of Senator Klemp; on page 2, following line 15, by inserting:

"(d) It is the intent of the legislature that the department shall not compete with the private sector in the provision of broadband infrastructure or services."

HB 2702 be passed.

HB 2737 be passed as amended by adoption of the committee amendments.

HB 2763 be passed as amended by adoption of the committee amendments.

CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO CONCUR AND NONCONCUR

On motion of Senator Petersen the Senate nonconcurred in the House amendments to **SB 321** and requested a conference committee be appointed.

The President appointed Senators Petersen, Klemp and Corson as a conference committee on the part of the Senate.

FINAL ACTION ON CONSENT CALENDAR

HB 2511, AN ACT concerning wildlife and parks; relating to the disposition of certain moneys received from agricultural production on state-owned property; permitting the use of such moneys received to be used for the management of all state-owned properties; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 32-809 and repealing the existing section.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 40; Nays 0; Present and Passing 0; Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Alley, Argabright, Billinger, Blasi, Blew, Bowers, Bowser, Claeys, Clifford, Corson, Dietrich, Erickson, Fagg, Faust Goudeau, Francisco, Gossage, Haley, Hill, Holscher, Klemp, Kloos, Masterson, Miller, Murphy, Owens, Peck, Petersen, Pettey, Rose, Ryckman, Schmidt, Shallenburger, Shane, Starnes, Sykes, Thomas, Thompson, Titus, Tyson, Warren.

The bill passed.

HB 2519, AN ACT concerning the Kansas open records act (KORA); relating to public records; continuing in existence certain exceptions to the disclosure thereof; amending K.S.A. 8-2,158, 40-221b and 41-353 and K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 22a-243, 45-229 and 75-782 and repealing the existing sections.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 40; Nays 0; Present and Passing 0; Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Alley, Argabright, Billinger, Blasi, Blew, Bowers, Bowser, Claeys, Clifford, Corson, Dietrich, Erickson, Fagg, Faust Goudeau, Francisco, Gossage, Haley, Hill, Holscher, Klemp, Kloos, Masterson, Miller, Murphy, Owens, Peck, Petersen, Pettey, Rose, Ryckman, Schmidt, Shallenburger, Shane, Starnes, Sykes, Thomas, Thompson, Titus, Tyson, Warren.

The bill passed.

FINAL ACTION ON BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

SB 415, AN ACT concerning the residential landlord and tenant act; relating to remedies and penalties under the act; providing that violations of the act resulting in a dwelling unit being deemed uninhabitable by a governmental agency shall be subject to the remedies and enforcement provisions of the Kansas consumer protection act, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 37; Nays 3; Present and Passing 0; Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Alley, Argabright, Billinger, Blasi, Blew, Bowers, Bowser, Claeys, Clifford, Corson, Dietrich, Erickson, Fagg, Francisco, Gossage, Hill, Holscher, Klemp, Kloos, Masterson, Miller, Murphy, Owens, Peck, Petersen, Pettey, Ryckman, Schmidt, Shallenburger, Shane, Starnes, Sykes, Thomas, Thompson, Titus, Tyson, Warren.

Nays: Faust Goudeau, Haley, Rose.

The bill passed, as amended.

SB 513, AN ACT concerning child care subsidy; relating to the Kansas department for children and families and the Kansas office of early childhood; directing such department, in consultation with such office, to issue a request for information and a request for proposal for the development, procurement and implementation of software to provide child care subsidy payments to child care providers; requiring reports to the legislature on such development, procurement and implementation, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 39; Nays 1; Present and Passing 0; Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Argabright, Billinger, Blasi, Blew, Bowers, Bowser, Claeys, Clifford, Corson, Dietrich, Erickson, Fagg, Faust Goudeau, Francisco, Gossage, Haley, Hill, Holscher, Klemp, Kloos, Masterson, Miller, Murphy, Owens, Peck, Petersen, Pettey, Rose, Ryckman, Schmidt, Shallenburger, Shane, Starnes, Sykes, Thomas, Thompson, Titus, Tyson, Warren.

Nays: Alley.

The bill passed, as amended.

S Sub HB 2099, AN ACT concerning the disposition of state real property; authorizing the secretary of corrections on behalf of the department of corrections and the state of Kansas to convey certain real property in Leavenworth county, Kansas, to Leavenworth county, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 37; Nays 3; Present and Passing 0; Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Alley, Argabright, Billinger, Blasi, Blew, Bowers, Bowser, Claeys, Clifford, Corson, Dietrich, Erickson, Fagg, Faust Goudeau, Francisco, Gossage, Haley, Hill, Klemp, Kloos, Masterson, Murphy, Owens, Peck, Petersen, Pettey, Rose, Ryckman, Shallenburger, Shane, Starnes, Sykes, Thomas, Thompson, Titus, Tyson, Warren.

Nays: Holscher, Miller, Schmidt.

The substitute bill passed.

EXPLANATION OF VOTE

I vote yes on **Senate Sub HB 2099**. It is in a flood plain and thus not a good location for a prison or data center.—JOSEPH CLAEYS

Senator Klemp requests the record to show he concurs with the "Explanation of Vote" offered by Senator Claeys on **S Sub HB 2099**.

I vote no on **S Sub HB 2099**. From the debate on the floor yesterday, there is nothing that would prohibit this land from being used for either a for profit prison or data center. The people of Leavenworth County have been explicitly clear in their opposition of CoreCivic or other private prisons reopening or expanding in their area. Additionally, in light of very recent concerns brought forward on data centers concerning water usage and increased utility rates, this body should be more closely examining the topic vs. hastily helping push forward the development of these facilities. The passage of this bill, which is especially vague and without guardrails, could directly aid for-profit prisons like Core Civic, which prompts me to vote no.—CINDY HOLSCHER

Senator Miller requests the record to show he concurs with the “Explanation of Vote”

offered by Senator Holscher on **S Sub HB 2099**.

HB 2471, AN ACT concerning roads and highways; designating a portion of interstate 35 as the deputy Sam Smith memorial highway; redesignating a current portion of the 35th infantry division memorial highway for interstate 35; amending K.S.A. 68-1013 and repealing the existing section, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 40; Nays 0; Present and Passing 0; Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Alley, Argabright, Billinger, Blasi, Blew, Bowers, Bowser, Claeys, Clifford, Corson, Dietrich, Erickson, Fagg, Faust Goudeau, Francisco, Gossage, Haley, Hill, Holscher, Klemp, Kloos, Masterson, Miller, Murphy, Owens, Peck, Petersen, Pettey, Rose, Ryckman, Schmidt, Shallenburger, Shane, Starnes, Sykes, Thomas, Thompson, Titus, Tyson, Warren.

The bill passed, as amended.

HB 2533, AN ACT concerning health professions and practices; relating to the practice of occupational therapy; enacting the occupational therapy licensure compact to provide interstate practice privileges to occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 38; Nays 2; Present and Passing 0; Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Alley, Argabright, Billinger, Blasi, Blew, Bowers, Bowser, Claeys, Clifford, Corson, Dietrich, Erickson, Fagg, Faust Goudeau, Francisco, Gossage, Haley, Hill, Holscher, Klemp, Kloos, Masterson, Miller, Murphy, Owens, Peck, Petersen, Pettey, Rose, Ryckman, Schmidt, Shallenburger, Shane, Starnes, Sykes, Thomas, Titus, Warren.

Nays: Thompson, Tyson.

The bill passed, as amended.

HB 2615, AN ACT concerning roads and highways; designating a portion of United States highway 75 as the Brig Gen George H Wark memorial highway; redesignating a current portion of the purple heart/combat wounded veterans highway for United States highway 75; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 68-1051 and repealing the existing section, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 40; Nays 0; Present and Passing 0; Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Alley, Argabright, Billinger, Blasi, Blew, Bowers, Bowser, Claeys, Clifford, Corson, Dietrich, Erickson, Fagg, Faust Goudeau, Francisco, Gossage, Haley, Hill, Holscher, Klemp, Kloos, Masterson, Miller, Murphy, Owens, Peck, Petersen, Pettey, Rose, Ryckman, Schmidt, Shallenburger, Shane, Starnes, Sykes, Thomas, Thompson, Titus, Tyson, Warren.

The bill passed, as amended.

HB 2622, AN ACT concerning municipal lease-purchase agreements; modifying the protest petition requirements; amending K.S.A. 10-1116c and repealing the existing section, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 40; Nays 0; Present and Passing 0; Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Alley, Argabright, Billinger, Blasi, Blew, Bowers, Bowser, Claeys, Clifford, Corson, Dietrich, Erickson, Fagg, Faust Goudeau, Francisco, Gossage, Haley, Hill, Holscher, Klemp, Kloos, Masterson, Miller, Murphy, Owens, Peck, Petersen, Pettey,

Rose, Ryckman, Schmidt, Shallenburger, Shane, Starnes, Sykes, Thomas, Thompson, Titus, Tyson, Warren.

The bill passed, as amended.

HB 2761, AN ACT concerning health professions and practices; relating to speech-language pathology; enacting the speech-language pathology assistant licensure act, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 38; Nays 2; Present and Passing 0; Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Alley, Argabright, Billinger, Blasi, Blew, Bowers, Bowser, Claeys, Clifford, Corson, Dietrich, Erickson, Fagg, Faust Goudeau, Francisco, Gossage, Haley, Hill, Holscher, Klemp, Kloos, Masterson, Miller, Murphy, Owens, Peck, Petersen, Pettey, Rose, Ryckman, Schmidt, Shane, Starnes, Sykes, Thomas, Thompson, Titus, Warren.

Nays: Shallenburger, Tyson.

The bill passed.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. SPEAKER and MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee on conference on Senate amendments to **HB 2004** submits the following report:

Your committee on conference agrees to disagree and recommends that a new conference committee be appointed;

RENEE ERICKSON, MICHAEL MURPHY – *Conferees on part of Senate*
FRANCIS AWERKAMP, DALE HELWIG, – *Conferees on part of House*

On motion of Senator Erickson the Senate adopted the conference committee report on **S Sub HB 2004**, and requested a new conference be appointed.

The President appointed Senators Erickson, Murphy and Holscher as a second Conference Committee on the part of the Senate on **S Sub HB 2004**.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Committee on **Agriculture and Natural Resources** recommends **Substitute for HB 2114** be amended on page 3, in line 3, by striking all after "(d)"; by striking all in lines 4 through 11; in line 12, by striking "(e)"; in line 14, by striking "a"; by striking all in line 16; in line 17, after "(2)" by inserting "a"; in line 18, after "bank" by inserting "; or

(3) a wastewater storage structure for a confined feeding facility that has been approve by the secretary of health and environment pursuant to K.S.A. 65-171d, and amendments thereto.

(e) Any structure that meets the requirements for a hazard class A dam as provided in this act shall be considered a water obstruction and not a dam if the structure meets the following additional criteria:

(1) The structure impounds water under a vested right, water right or permit to appropriate water for irrigation, stockwater or sediment control use pursuant to the Kansas water appropriation act, K.S.A. 82a-701 et seq., and amendments thereto, or is required to obtain a permit o appropriate water for irrigation, stockwater or sediment control use in order to lawfully impound water; and

(2) the structure has a height of less than 30 feet and a storage volume at the top of the emergency spillway elevation of less than 125 acre feet";

Also on page 3, in line 30, before "a" by inserting ", modify or add to"; also in line 30, by striking the colon; by striking all in lines 31 through 43;

On page 4, in line 1, by striking all before the period and inserting "$500"; in line 2, by striking "(3)" and inserting "(2)";

And by redesignating subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs and clauses accordingly;

Also on page 4, following line 23, by inserting:

"(e) (1) On and after July 1, 2026, the owner of any land located in the inundation zone of a dam that is under the jurisdiction of the chief engineer pursuant to this act who sells, subdivides or otherwise transfers any land within such inundation zone separate from the dam shall file a notice of inundation zone with the register of deeds in the county or counties for each parcel of land sold, subdivided or otherwise transferred. The notice of inundation zone shall contain the following language:

On _____ this property is located in the inundation zone of a dam or

(date of sale, division or transfer)

structure located at _____.

(legal description of property)

(2) A landowner who fails to file a notice of inundation zone in accordance with paragraph (1) shall be responsible for paying the costs of inspection that are in excess of the inspection costs that would have been required by the dam's previous lower hazard classification if K.S.A. 82a-303b(a)(1)(D)(7), and amendments thereto, applies to such dam.";

On page 5, in line 23, after "(4)" by inserting "(A)"; also in line 23, by striking "the" and inserting "an"; in line 24, after "(d)" by inserting "or (e)"; also in line 24, by striking all after the second comma; by striking all in line 25; in line 26, by striking all before "shall"; following line 27, by inserting:

"(B) A watershed district organized pursuant to K.S.A. 24-1201 et seq., and amendments thereto, may enter into an agreement with the chief engineer that provides for such district to conduct limited safety inspections in lieu of the safety inspection required by subparagraph (A).";

And the bill be passed as amended.

Also, **HB 2462**, As Amended by House Committee of the Whole, be amended on page 1, in line 15, by striking "an";

On page 2, in line 11, by striking "adopted" and inserting "submitted"; in line 12, by striking "not require" and inserting "prioritize"; in line 13, by striking "unaffordable" and inserting "affordable"; in line 14, by striking "unachievable" and inserting "achievable";

On page 1, in the title, in line 4, by striking "prohibiting" and inserting "requiring"; also in line 4, by striking "from requiring" and inserting "to prioritize"; in line 6, by striking "unaffordable" and inserting "affordable"; also in line 6, by striking "unachievable" and inserting "achievable"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on **Assessment and Taxation** recommends **HB 2440, HB 2644, HB 2769** be passed.

Committee on **Commerce** recommends **Substitute for HB 2346**, As Amended by House Committee of the Whole, be passed.

Also, **HB 2602** be amended on page 1, in line 15, after "(2)" by inserting:

"Credit union" means a credit union incorporated under the laws of this state or organized under the laws of the United States, another state or a territory of the United States that is insured by the national credit union administration.

(3)";

Also on page 1, in line 26, by striking "third-party portable benefit plan provider" and inserting "third party"; in line 35, by striking all after "(D)";

On page 2, by striking all in line 1; in line 2, by striking "section" and inserting "a credit union"; in line 3, after "provide" by inserting "an account that funds"; in line 4, after "following" by inserting "services provided by a third party";

And by redesignating subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs and clauses accordingly;

On page 13, in line 15, by striking all before the second "to" and inserting "through the portable benefit plan account pursuant to section 1, and amendments thereto,"; and the bill be passed as amended.

HB 2700, As Amended by House Committee, be amended on page 2, in line 20, after "(h)" by inserting "(1)"; in line 21, by striking "or leased"; following line 23, by inserting:

"(2) "Digital electronic equipment" or "equipment" does not include toys if:

(A) The product's primary intended use is play or amusement by children under 14 years of age;

(B) the product does not function as a general-purpose computing device; and

(C) the product does not perform critical safety, security or communication functions, including, but not limited to, home security monitoring or medical monitoring.";

On page 3, in line 39, after "(n)" by inserting ""Lighting" means bulbs, equipment and systems that have the purpose of producing light and are not meant to be repairable. "Lighting" does not include component parts that are replaceable.

(o)";

On page 6, in line 16, after "(ee)" by inserting ""Toy" means a consumer product that:

(1) Is marketed, labeled and sold as a toy or children's creative product; and

(2) is subject to federal toy or children's product safety standards, including, but not limited to, the consumer product safety improvement act, 15 U.S.C. § 2051 et seq., and applicable regulations of the United States consumer product safety commission.

(gg)";

And by redesignating subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs and clauses accordingly;

On page 7, in line 11, after "(11)" by inserting "lighting;

(12)";

And by redesignating subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs and clauses accordingly;

Also on page 7, in line 40, by striking all after "secret"; by striking all in line 41; in line 42, by striking all before the period;

On page 8, in line 33, by striking the second "or" and inserting a comma; also in line 33, after "regulation" by inserting ", code, ordinance or standard"; and the bill be passed as amended.

HB 2739, As Amended by House Committee, be amended on page 1, by striking all

in lines 14 through 35;

On page 2, by striking all in lines 1 through 28;

On page 3, following line 5, by inserting:

"Section 1. K.S.A. 31-133 is hereby amended to read as follows: 31-133. (a) The state fire marshal shall adopt reasonable rules and regulations, consistent with the provisions of this act, for the safeguarding of life and property from fire, explosion and hazardous materials. Such rules and regulations shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) The keeping, storage, use, sale, handling, transportation or other disposition of highly flammable materials, including crude petroleum or any of its products, natural gas for use in motor vehicles, and of explosives, including gunpowder, dynamite, fireworks and firecrackers. Any such rules and regulations may prescribe the materials and construction of receptacles and buildings to be used for any of such purposes;

(2) the transportation of liquid fuel over public highways in order to provide for the public safety in connection therewith;

(3) the construction, maintenance and regulation of exits and fire escapes from buildings and all other places in which people work, live or congregate from time to time for any purpose~~, including apartment houses, as defined by K.S.A. 31-132a, and amendments thereto~~. Such rules and regulations shall not apply to buildings used wholly as dwelling houses containing no more than two families;

(4) the installation and maintenance of equipment intended for fire control, detection and extinguishment in all buildings and other places in which persons work, live or congregate from time to time for any purpose~~, including apartment houses as defined by K.S.A. 31-132a, and amendments thereto~~. Such rules and regulations shall not apply to buildings used wholly as dwelling houses containing no more than two families;

(5) requiring administrators of public and private schools and educational institutions, except community colleges, colleges and universities, to conduct at least four fire drills each school year at some time during school hours, aside from the regular dismissal at the close of the day's session, and prescribing the manner in which such fire drills are to be conducted;

(6) procedures for the reporting of fires and explosions occurring within the state and for the investigation thereof;

(7) procedures for reporting by healthcare providers of treatment of second and third degree burn wounds involving 20% or more of the victim's body and requiring hospitalization of the victim, which reporting is hereby authorized notwithstanding any provision of K.S.A. 60-427, and amendments thereto, to the contrary;

(8) requiring administrators of public and private schools and educational institutions, except community colleges, colleges and universities, to establish tornado procedures. Such procedures shall:

(A) Provide for at least two tornado drills to be conducted each school year, of which one shall be conducted in September and one shall be conducted in March, at some time during school hours, aside from the regular dismissal at the close of the day's session;

(B) describe the manner in which such tornado drills are to be conducted; and

(C) shall be subject to approval by the state fire marshal;

(9) requiring administrators of community colleges, colleges and universities to

establish tornado procedures, which procedures shall be subject to approval by the director of the disaster agency of the county;

(10) the development and implementation of a statewide system of hazardous materials assessment and response;

(11) the use of pyrotechnics, pyrotechnic devices and pyrotechnic materials;

(12) requiring administrators of public and private schools and educational institutions, except community colleges, colleges and universities, to conduct at least three crisis drills each school year at some time during school hours, aside from the regular dismissal at the close of the day's session. The manner in which such crisis drills are conducted may be subject to approval by the safe and secure schools unit of the Kansas department of education; and

(13) other safeguards, protective measures or means adapted to render inherently safe from the hazards of fire or the loss of life by fire any building or other place in which people work, live or congregate from time to time for any purpose, except buildings used wholly as dwelling houses containing no more than two families.

(b) Any rules and regulations of the state fire marshal adopted pursuant to this section may incorporate by reference specific editions, or portions thereof, of nationally recognized fire prevention codes.

(c) The rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this section shall allow facilities in service prior to the effective date of such rules and regulations, and not in strict conformity therewith, to continue in service, so long as such facilities are not determined by the state fire marshal to constitute a distinct hazard to life or property. Any such determination shall be subject to the appeal provisions contained in K.S.A. 31-140, and amendments thereto.

(d) The state fire marshal may grant an exemption pursuant to K.S.A. 31-136, and amendments thereto, that authorizes a variance for the number or manner of drills conducted pursuant to subsection (a)(5), (8) or (12) for students receiving special education or related services.";

Also on page 3, in line 17, by striking "79-32,110" and inserting "79-32,310"; in line 28, by striking "12-16,219" and inserting "31-132a, 31-133"; in line 30, by striking "statute book" and inserting "Kansas register";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 5, after the first semicolon by inserting "relating to"; by striking all in lines 6 through 9; in line 10, after the stricken material by inserting "removing the definition of apartment houses from chapter 31 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated;"; also in line 10, by striking "12-"; in line 11, by striking "16,219" and inserting "31-133"; also in line 11, after "sections" by inserting "; also repealing K.S.A. 31-132a"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on **Education** recommends **HB 2402** be amended by substituting with a new bill to be designated as "Senate Substitute for HOUSE BILL NO. 2402," as follows:

"Senate Substitute for HOUSE BILL NO. 2402
By Committee on Education

"AN ACT concerning education; relating to school districts; requiring eligible boards of education to consider participation in the community eligibility provision; providing a financial hardship exception to such participation; requiring the state department of education to assist school districts seeking such participation.";

And the substitute bill be passed.

Also, **SB 517** be amended on page 3, in line 7, after "legislature" by inserting ", literacy advisory committee";

On page 6, in line 2, by striking all after "(3)"; by striking all in lines 3 through 13; in line 14, by striking "(4)";

And by redesignating subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs and clauses accordingly;

On page 9, in line 16, after "employment" by inserting ", shared cooperative agreement"; in line 23, after "include" by inserting ":

(A)";

Also on page 9, in line 24, by striking "match" and inserting "address"; in line 26, after "program" by inserting "; and

(B) a diagnostic assessment, progress monitoring and interventions until the student achieves grade level performance";

On page 10, in line 17, by striking all after "literacy"; in line 18, by striking all before "under" and inserting "practicum that utilizes assessment tools and data interpretation and applies evidence-based practices in small or whole group instruction"; in line 19, after "with" by inserting "a"; also in line 19, by striking all after "certification"; in line 20, by striking "interventionist" and inserting "that demonstrates expertise in structured literacy"; in line 25, by striking "mastery of" and inserting "competency to";

On page 11, in line 15, by striking "micro-credential" and inserting "credential"; in line 28, after "psychologists" by inserting ", curriculum and instruction specialists"; in line 32, after "(4)" by inserting "be responsible for the attainment of the transformational goal to have 100% of the Kansas special education, English for speakers of other languages and elementary teacher workforce achieve a credential in the science of reading and structured literacy by 2030, leading to at least 90% of students in each of the grades three through eight achieving a level 3 or above on the English language arts assessment by 2033. Scores and other data on such assessment shall be disaggregated for each grade level and all defined subgroups, including, but not limited to, English language learners, students receiving free meals under the national school lunch act, students in the custody of the secretary for children and families and race and ethnicity subgroups;

(5)";

On page 12, in line 3, after "undergraduate" by inserting "literacy"; in line 9, by striking "and"; in line 10, by striking "(9)" and inserting "(10) accept certifications from the international multisensory structured language council, international dyslexia association and academic language therapy association-accredited programs for licensure as a reading specialist;

(11) implement reciprocity for advanced degrees, licensure and certifications from accredited institutions recognized by one of the six regional United States department of education accrediting organizations; and

(12)";

And by redesignating subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs and clauses accordingly;

Also on page 12, in line 43, after "development" by inserting ". Such evidence shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Curriculum maps demonstrating:

(A) Literacy coursework addresses phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary and reading comprehension; and

(B) where screening, diagnostic assessment, progress monitoring and intervention are addressed;

(2) documentation showing that language structures related to reading development, including phonology, morphology, syntax and semantics are addressed;

(3) data demonstrating pre-service teacher competency regarding evidence-based literacy instruction through course assessments and clinical evaluations;

(4) pre-service teacher performance on literacy-related licensure assessments or competency measures;

(5) observation or evaluation data demonstrating a pre-service teacher's ability to deliver explicit and systematic reading instruction;

(6) documentation of ongoing faculty professional learning related to current research on reading development and literacy instruction; and

(7) documentation of program revisions or instructional changes made in response to pre-service teacher performance data, licensure outcomes or workforce feedback";

On page 13, in line 1, after "(c)" by inserting "provide evidence that at least 80% of pre-service teachers pass the licensure exam in literacy instruction approved by the state board of education and practicum supervisors demonstrate expertise in structured literacy, evidence-based practices and supervision;

(d)";

Also on page 13, in line 2, after "committee" by inserting ", state board of education and state board of regents";

And by redesignating subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs and clauses accordingly;

And the bill be passed as amended.

HB 2485 be amended on page 1, following line 10, by inserting:

"New Section 1. (a) (1) Postsecondary educational institutions may enter into agreements with school districts for the provision of postsecondary courses that are held at a secondary school of the school district and taught by a teacher employed by the school district. Such agreements shall adhere to the state board of regents service area and concurrent enrollment policies.

(2) On and after July 1, 2026, each such agreement shall require the postsecondary educational institution to:

(A) Directly purchase any instructional materials and supplies required for instruction of the course if such materials and supplies are not available or provided by the school district;

(B) pay the standard amount for teaching services to the school district. Any such amount received by the school district shall be paid to the teacher employed by the school district who is teaching such course as a supplement to such teacher's regular salary; and

(C) if a school district employee serves as a paid site coordinator for a postsecondary educational institution, such employee shall be considered a contractor of such institution. Payment for any such site coordinator services shall be made directly to the school district employee and shall not exceed the standard amount for non-teaching site coordinator services per semester.

(3) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the postsecondary educational institution

may not provide any other financial or other compensation for the provision of such courses to the school district or any employee of the school district for any postsecondary educational service provided in the school district during the normal school day.

(b) As used in this section:

(1) "Course" means any tiered or non-tiered course offered by a postsecondary educational institution that meets the requirements of subsection (a)(1), including, but not limited to, career and technical education courses.

(2) "Postsecondary educational institution" means a community college or technical college as such terms are defined in K.S.A. 74-3201b, and amendments thereto.

(3) (A) "Standard amount" means, for academic year 2026-2027, an amount:

(i) Equal to $600 per credit hour not to exceed 10 credit hours per semester for teaching services. If the number of students enrolled in and attending a course is fewer than eight students, the payment for teaching services may be prorated based on the number of students enrolled; or

(ii) not to exceed $1,500 per semester for non-teaching site coordination services.

(B) For academic year 2027-2028 and each academic year thereafter, the "standard amount" shall be the standard amount for the immediately preceding year plus an amount equal to the average percentage increase in the consumer price index for all urban consumers in the midwest region as published by the bureau of labor statistics of the United States department of labor during the three immediately preceding academic years rounded to the nearest whole dollar.

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit, preempt or otherwise restrict any negotiated agreement or term or condition of any negotiated agreement between a school district and such school district's faculty or any negotiated agreement or term or condition of any negotiated agreement between a postsecondary educational institution and such institution's faculty that was in effect before July 1, 2026. Any negotiated agreement entered into or renegotiated on or after July 1, 2026, shall conform with the requirements of this section.

(d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to include any accredited independent institution as defined in K.S.A. 72-3222, and amendments thereto.";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

Also on page 1, in the title, in line 1, by striking all after the semicolon; by striking all in line 2; in line 3, by striking all before the semicolon and inserting "providing requirements for agreements between postsecondary educational institutions and school districts for the provision of postsecondary courses taught in secondary schools"; also in line 3, after the second "the" by inserting "state"; in line 4, after "board" by inserting "of regents"; also in line 4, by striking "such" and inserting "certain state"; and the bill be passed as amended.

The Committee on **Federal and State Affairs** recommends **HB 2018** be amended by substituting with a new bill to be designated as "Senate Substitute for HOUSE BILL NO. 2018," as follows:

"Senate Substitute for HOUSE BILL NO. 2018

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

"AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; creating the crime of interference with the conduct of a religious assembly and providing criminal penalties therefor; providing for a civil cause of action for damages arising

from such offense; amending K.S.A. 21-6205 and K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 75-702 and repealing the existing sections.";

And the substitute bill be passed.

The Committee on **Financial Institutions and Insurance** recommends **HB 2497** be amended on page 2, in line 28, by striking "statute book" and inserting "Kansas register"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Also, **HB 2515**, As Amended by House Committee, be amended on page 8, in line 22, by striking "$2,000" and inserting "$1,000"; in line 23, by striking "$2,000" and inserting "$1,000"; in line 25, by striking "$10,000" and inserting "$5,000"; in line 27, by striking "$10,500" and inserting "$5,000"; and the bill be passed as amended.

HB 2591, As Amended by House Committee of the Whole, be amended on page 1, by striking "and" and inserting "or"; and the bill be passed as amended.

HB 2703 be amended on page 3, in line 17, by striking "statute book" and inserting "Kansas register"; and the bill be passed as amended.

The Committee on **Judiciary** recommends **HB 2537, HB 2747**, As Amended by House Committee of the Whole, be passed.

Also, **SB 478** be amended on page 1, in line 34, after "employee" by inserting ", contractor or subcontractor"; in line 36, after "employee" by inserting ", contractor or subcontractor"; also in line 36, after "employee's" by inserting ", contractor's or subcontractor's";

On page 7, in line 29, after the second "employee" by inserting ", contractor or subcontractor";

Also on page 7, following line 31, by inserting:

"Sec. 3. K.S.A. 60-5402 is hereby amended to read as follows: 60-5402. (a) (1) A public utility shall not permit, allow or enter into an agreement that authorizes a law enforcement agency to attach, access, operate, maintain or remove law enforcement equipment on any utility pole or other structure that is owned or operated by the public utility for more than 60 days unless:

(A) Authorized by a lawfully issued warrant or court order; or

(B) the utility pole or structure is in a public area zoned for commercial activity or in any park or recreation area operated by a municipality as defined in K.S.A. 12-105a, and amendments thereto.

(2) After 60 days, if no warrant or court order is issued, any equipment shall be removed as soon as reasonably possible, and any evidence that is collected by such equipment after such 60 days shall not be admissible in any legal proceeding.

(b) Any public utility that authorizes a law enforcement agency or enters into an agreement with a law enforcement agency to authorize the law enforcement agency to attach, access, operate, maintain or remove law enforcement equipment on any utility pole or other structure that is owned or operated by the public utility that complies with subsection (a) shall be immune from liability in any civil action that is based upon or arises from such authorization or agreement.

~~(b)~~(c) As used in this section:

(1) "Law enforcement agency" means a city police department, a county sheriff's department ~~or,~~ a county police department or the Kansas bureau of investigation.

(2) "Law enforcement equipment" means any camera. "Law enforcement equipment" does not include any nonvideo equipment or automatic license plate readers that destroy all data within 90 days unless specific data is retained as part of an open

investigation.

(3) "Public utility" means ~~any public utility~~ the same as defined in K.S.A. 66-104, and amendments thereto, municipally owned or operated public utility or electric cooperative public utility.";

Also on page 7, in line 32, after "21-5412" by inserting "and 60-5402";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 1, by striking all after "concerning"; in line 2, by striking all before the semicolon and inserting "utilities; relating to utility facilities and employees"; in line 3, after the semicolon by inserting "creating a maximum length of time for agreements authorizing law enforcement agencies to install certain equipment on utility poles or other structures and providing certain exceptions thereto; providing that evidence collected by such equipment is not admissible in legal proceedings under certain circumstances;"; in line 4, after "21-5412" by inserting "and 60-5402"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Also, **HB 2521**, As Amended by House Committee, be amended on page 4, following line 25, by inserting:

"(k) The amendments made to this section by this act shall only apply to a cause of action accruing on or after July 1, 2026."; and the bill be passed as amended.

HB 2527, As Amended by House Committee, be amended on page 1, following line 15, by inserting:

"New Section 1. (a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), it shall be unlawful for any sex offender who is 18 years of age or older and whose underlying crime for which the offender is required to register under the Kansas offender registration act was a crime against a victim who was less than 18 years of age to enter onto school property or attend a school activity.

(2) The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to a person who enters onto school property for the sole purpose of attending a religious service when such school property is being used for a religious service and the person leaves such school property immediately after such religious service.

(b) Violation of this section is:

(1) Upon a first conviction, a severity level 7, person felony;

(2) upon a second conviction, a severity level 5, person felony; and

(3) upon a third or subsequent conviction, a severity level 3, person felony.

(c) This section shall be a part of and supplemental to the Kansas offender registration act.";

On page 12, following line 2, by inserting:

"Sec. 3. K.S.A. 22-4901 is hereby amended to read as follows: 22-4901. ~~K.S.A. 22-4901 through 22-4911 and 22-4913~~Article 49 of chapter 22 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, shall be known and may be cited as the Kansas offender registration act.

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 22-4902 is hereby amended to read as follows: 22-4902. As used in the Kansas offender registration act, unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) "Offender" means:

(1) A sex offender;

(2) a violent offender;

(3) a drug offender;

(4) any person who has been required to register under out-of-state law or is

otherwise required to be registered; and

(5) any person required by court order to register for an offense not otherwise required as provided in the Kansas offender registration act.

(b) "Sex offender" includes any person who:

(1) On or after April 14, 1994, is convicted of any sexually violent crime;

(2) on or after July 1, 2002, is adjudicated as a juvenile offender for an act which, if committed by an adult, would constitute the commission of a sexually violent crime, unless the court, on the record, finds that the act involved non-forcible sexual conduct, the victim was at least 14 years of age and the offender was not more than four years older than the victim;

(3) has been determined to be a sexually violent predator;

(4) on or after July 1, 1997, is convicted of any of the following crimes when one of the parties involved is less than 18 years of age:

(A) Adultery, as defined in K.S.A. 21-3507, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 21-5511, and amendments thereto;

(B) criminal sodomy, as defined in K.S.A. 21-3505(a)(1), prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 21-5504(a)(1) or (a)(2), and amendments thereto;

(C) promoting prostitution, as defined in K.S.A. 21-3513, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 21-6420, prior to its amendment by section 17 of chapter 120 of the 2013 Session Laws of Kansas on July 1, 2013;

(D) patronizing a prostitute, as defined in K.S.A. 21-3515, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 21-6421, prior to its amendment by section 18 of chapter 120 of the 2013 Session Laws of Kansas on July 1, 2013; or

(E) lewd and lascivious behavior, as defined in K.S.A. 21-3508, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 21-5513, and amendments thereto;

(5) is convicted of sexual battery, as defined in K.S.A. 21-3517, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 21-5505(a), and amendments thereto;

(6) is convicted of sexual extortion, as defined in K.S.A. 21-5515, and amendments thereto;

(7) is convicted of breach of privacy, as defined in K.S.A. 21-6101(a)(6), (a)(7) or (a)(8), and amendments thereto;

(8) is convicted of an attempt, conspiracy or criminal solicitation, as defined in K.S.A. 21-3301, 21-3302 or 21-3303, prior to their repeal, or K.S.A. 21-5301, 21-5302, 21-5303, and amendments thereto, of an offense defined in this subsection; or

(9) has been convicted of an offense that is comparable to any crime defined in this subsection, or any out-of-state conviction for an offense that under the laws of this state would be an offense defined in this subsection.

(c) "Sexually violent crime" means:

(1) Rape, as defined in K.S.A. 21-3502, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 21-5503, and amendments thereto;

(2) indecent liberties with a child, as defined in K.S.A. 21-3503, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 21-5506(a), and amendments thereto;

(3) aggravated indecent liberties with a child, as defined in K.S.A. 21-3504, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 21-5506(b), and amendments thereto;

(4) criminal sodomy, as defined in K.S.A. 21-3505(a)(2) or (a)(3), prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 21-5504(a)(3) or (a)(4), and amendments thereto;

(5) aggravated criminal sodomy, as defined in K.S.A. 21-3506, prior to its repeal,

or K.S.A. 21-5504(b), and amendments thereto;

(6) indecent solicitation of a child, as defined in K.S.A. 21-3510, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 21-5508(a), and amendments thereto;

(7) aggravated indecent solicitation of a child, as defined in K.S.A. 21-3511, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 21-5508(b), and amendments thereto;

(8) sexual exploitation of a child, as defined in K.S.A. 21-3516, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 21-5510, and amendments thereto;

(9) aggravated sexual battery, as defined in K.S.A. 21-3518, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 21-5505(b), and amendments thereto;

(10) aggravated incest, as defined in K.S.A. 21-3603, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 21-5604(b), and amendments thereto;

(11) electronic solicitation, as defined in K.S.A. 21-3523, prior to its repeal, and K.S.A. 21-5509, and amendments thereto;

(12) unlawful sexual relations, as defined in K.S.A. 21-3520, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 21-5512, and amendments thereto;

(13) aggravated human trafficking, as defined in K.S.A. 21-3447, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 21-5426(b), and amendments thereto, if committed in whole or in part for the purpose of the sexual gratification of the defendant or another;

(14) commercial sexual exploitation of a child, as defined in K.S.A. 21-6422, and amendments thereto;

(15) promoting the sale of sexual relations, as defined in K.S.A. 21-6420, and amendments thereto;

(16) internet trading in child pornography or aggravated internet trading in child pornography, as defined in K.S.A. 21-5514, and amendments thereto;

(17) any conviction or adjudication for an offense that is comparable to a sexually violent crime as defined in this subsection, or any out-of-state conviction or adjudication for an offense that under the laws of this state would be a sexually violent crime as defined in this subsection;

(18) an attempt, conspiracy or criminal solicitation, as defined in K.S.A. 21-3301, 21-3302 or 21-3303, prior to their repeal, or K.S.A. 21-5301, 21-5302, 21-5303, and amendments thereto, of a sexually violent crime, as defined in this subsection; or

(19) any act that has been determined beyond a reasonable doubt to have been sexually motivated, unless the court, on the record, finds that the act involved non-forcible sexual conduct, the victim was at least 14 years of age and the offender was not more than four years older than the victim. As used in this paragraph, "sexually motivated" means that one of the purposes for which the defendant committed the crime was for the purpose of the defendant's sexual gratification.

(d) "Sexually violent predator" means any person who, on or after July 1, 2001, is found to be a sexually violent predator pursuant to K.S.A. 59-29a01 et seq., and amendments thereto.

(e) "Violent offender" includes any person who:

(1) On or after July 1, 1997, is convicted of any of the following crimes:

(A) Capital murder, as defined in K.S.A. 21-3439, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 21-5401, and amendments thereto;

(B) murder in the first degree, as defined in K.S.A. 21-3401, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 21-5402, and amendments thereto;

(C) murder in the second degree, as defined in K.S.A. 21-3402, prior to its repeal,

or K.S.A. 21-5403, and amendments thereto;

(D) voluntary manslaughter, as defined in K.S.A. 21-3403, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 21-5404, and amendments thereto;

(E) involuntary manslaughter, as defined in K.S.A. 21-3404, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 21-5405(a)(1), (a)(2) or (a)(4), and amendments thereto. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to violations of K.S.A. 21-5405(a)(3), and amendments thereto, that occurred on or after July 1, 2011, through July 1, 2013;

(F) kidnapping, as defined in K.S.A. 21-3420, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 21-5408(a), and amendments thereto;

(G) aggravated kidnapping, as defined in K.S.A. 21-3421, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 21-5408(b), and amendments thereto;

(H) criminal restraint, as defined in K.S.A. 21-3424, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 21-5411, and amendments thereto, except by a parent, and only when the victim is less than 18 years of age; or

(I) aggravated human trafficking, as defined in K.S.A. 21-3447, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 21-5426(b), and amendments thereto, if not committed in whole or in part for the purpose of the sexual gratification of the defendant or another;

(2) on or after July 1, 2006, is convicted of any person felony and the court makes a finding on the record that a deadly weapon was used in the commission of such person felony;

(3) has been convicted of an offense that is comparable to any crime defined in this subsection, any out-of-state conviction for an offense that under the laws of this state would be an offense defined in this subsection; or

(4) is convicted of an attempt, conspiracy or criminal solicitation, as defined in K.S.A. 21-3301, 21-3302 or 21-3303, prior to their repeal, or K.S.A. 21-5301, 21-5302 and 21-5303, and amendments thereto, of an offense defined in this subsection.

(f) "Drug offender" includes any person who, on or after July 1, 2007:

(1) Is convicted of any of the following crimes:

(A) Unlawful manufacture or attempting such of any controlled substance or controlled substance analog, as defined in K.S.A. 65-4159, prior to its repeal, K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 21-36a03, prior to its transfer, or K.S.A. 21-5703, and amendments thereto;

(B) possession of ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, red phosphorus, lithium metal, sodium metal, iodine, anhydrous ammonia, pressurized ammonia or phenylpropanolamine, or their salts, isomers or salts of isomers with intent to use the product to manufacture a controlled substance, as defined in K.S.A. 65-7006(a), prior to its repeal, K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 21-36a09(a), prior to its transfer, or K.S.A. 21-5709(a), and amendments thereto;

(C) K.S.A. 65-4161, prior to its repeal, K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 21-36a05(a)(1), prior to its transfer, or K.S.A. 21-5705(a)(1), and amendments thereto. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to violations of K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 21-36a05(a)(2) through (a)(6) or (b) that occurred on or after July 1, 2009, through April 15, 2010;

(2) has been convicted of an offense that is comparable to any crime defined in this subsection, any out-of-state conviction for an offense that under the laws of this state would be an offense defined in this subsection; or

(3) is or has been convicted of an attempt, conspiracy or criminal solicitation, as defined in K.S.A. 21-3301, 21-3302 or 21-3303, prior to their repeal, or K.S.A. 21-5301, 21-5302 and 21-5303, and amendments thereto, of an offense defined in this

subsection.

(g) Convictions or adjudications that result from or are connected with the same act, or result from crimes committed at the same time, shall be counted for the purpose of this section as one conviction or adjudication. Any conviction or adjudication set aside pursuant to law is not a conviction or adjudication for purposes of this section. A conviction or adjudication from any out-of-state court shall constitute a conviction or adjudication for purposes of this section.

(h) "School" means any public or private educational institution, including, but not limited to, postsecondary school, college, university, community college, secondary school, high school, junior high school, middle school, elementary school, trade school, vocational school or professional school providing training or education to an offender for three or more consecutive days or parts of days, or for 10 or more nonconsecutive days in a period of 30 consecutive days.

(i) "Employment" means any full-time, part-time, transient, day-labor employment or volunteer work, with or without compensation, for three or more consecutive days or parts of days, or for 10 or more nonconsecutive days in a period of 30 consecutive days.

(j) "Reside" means to stay, sleep or maintain with regularity or temporarily one's person and property in a particular place other than a location where the offender is incarcerated. It shall be presumed that an offender resides at any and all locations where the offender stays, sleeps or maintains the offender's person for three or more consecutive days or parts of days, or for ~~ten~~ 10 or more nonconsecutive days in a period of 30 consecutive days.

(k) "Residence" means a particular and definable place where an individual resides. Nothing in the Kansas offender registration act shall be construed to state that an offender may only have one residence for the purpose of such act.

(l) "Transient" means having no fixed or identifiable residence.

(m) "Law enforcement agency having initial jurisdiction" means the registering law enforcement agency of the county or location of jurisdiction where the offender expects to most often reside upon the offender's discharge, parole or release.

(n) "Registering law enforcement agency" means the sheriff's office or tribal police department responsible for registering an offender.

(o) "Registering entity" means any person, agency or other governmental unit, correctional facility or registering law enforcement agency responsible for obtaining the required information from, and explaining the required registration procedures to, any person required to register pursuant to the Kansas offender registration act. "Registering entity" includes, but is not limited to, sheriff's offices, tribal police departments and correctional facilities.

(p) "Treatment facility" means any public or private facility or institution providing inpatient mental health, drug or alcohol treatment or counseling, but does not include a hospital, as defined in K.S.A. 65-425, and amendments thereto.

(q) "Correctional facility" means any public or private correctional facility, juvenile detention facility, prison or jail.

(r) "Out-of-state" means: the District of Columbia; any federal, military or tribal jurisdiction, including those within this state; any foreign jurisdiction; or any state or territory within the United States, other than this state.

(s) "Duration of registration" means the length of time during which an offender is required to register for a specified offense or violation.

(t) "School activity" means an activity sponsored by a unified school district or a nonpublic school at which students in kindergarten or any of the grades one through 12 or children under the age of eligibility to attend kindergarten who attend a preschool program are the primary intended participants or the primary intended audience, including, but not limited to, school instructional time, after school care, after school tutoring, athletic events, school dances and social events, field trips, school plays or assemblies.

(u) "School property" means property upon which is located a structure used by a unified school district or a nonpublic school for instruction, attendance or extracurricular activities for students enrolled in kindergarten or any of the grades one through 12 or for children under the age of eligibility to attend kindergarten who attend a preschool program.

(v) "Nonpublic school" means a private, nonprofit or parochial school that offers regular instruction for students at least four days per week during a school term and does not include a homeschool, microschool, homeschool cooperative association or any nonaccredited private school that has a total enrollment of nine students or fewer.

(w) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, "offender" ~~shall~~ does not include any person who is:

(A) Convicted of unlawful transmission of a visual depiction of a child, as defined in K.S.A. 21-5611(a), and amendments thereto, aggravated unlawful transmission of a visual depiction of a child, as defined in K.S.A. 21-5611(b), and amendments thereto, or unlawful possession of a visual depiction of a child, as defined in K.S.A. 21-5610, and amendments thereto;

(B) adjudicated as a juvenile offender for an act which, if committed by an adult, would constitute the commission of a crime defined in subsection ~~(t)(1)(A)~~ (w)(1)(A);

(C) adjudicated as a juvenile offender for an act which, if committed by an adult, would constitute the commission of sexual extortion as defined in K.S.A. 21-5515, and amendments thereto; or

(D) adjudicated as a juvenile offender for an act which, if committed by an adult, would constitute a violation of K.S.A. 21-6101(a)(6), (a)(7) or (a)(8), and amendments thereto.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a court shall not order any person to register under the Kansas offender registration act for the offenses described in subsection ~~(t)(1)~~ (w)(1).";

On page 13, in line 30, after the first "K.S.A." by inserting "22-4901, 22-4902 and";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 1, by striking "crimes, punishment and criminal procedure" and inserting "sex offenders"; also in line 1, after the semicolon by inserting "making it unlawful for certain adult sex offenders to enter onto certain school property or attend certain school activities and creating criminal penalties for violation thereof;"; in line 12, after the first "K.S.A." by inserting "22-4901, 22-4902 and"; and the bill be passed as amended.

HB 2613 be amended on page 4, following line 9, by inserting:

"Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 74-7308 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-7308. (a) There shall be no privilege, except privileges arising from the attorney-client relationship, as to communications or records relevant to an issue of the physical, mental or emotional conditions of the claimant or victim in a proceeding under this act

in which such condition is an element.

(b) If the mental, physical or emotional condition of a victim or claimant is material to a claim, the board may order the victim or claimant to submit to a mental or physical examination by a physician or psychologist, and may order an autopsy of a deceased victim. The order may be made for good cause shown upon notice to the person to be examined and to all persons who have appeared. The order shall specify the time, place, manner, conditions and scope of the examination or autopsy and the person by whom ~~it~~ the examination or autopsy is to be made~~;~~ and ~~the order shall~~ require the person to file with the board a detailed written report of the examination or autopsy. The report shall set out the findings of the person making the report, including results of all tests made, diagnoses, prognosis and other conclusions and reports of earlier examinations of the same conditions.

(c) On request of the person examined, the board shall furnish a copy of the report to such person. If the victim is deceased, the board, on request, shall furnish to the claimant a copy of the report.

(d) The board may require the claimant to supplement the application with any reasonably available medical or psychological reports relating to the injury for which compensation is claimed.

(e) (1) All records and information given to the board and the crime victims compensation division created by K.S.A. 75-773, and amendments thereto, to process a claim on behalf of a crime victim shall be confidential. Such exhibits, medical records, psychological records, counseling records, work records, criminal investigation records, criminal court case records, witness statements, telephone records and other records of any type or nature whatsoever gathered for the purpose of evaluating whether to compensate a victim shall not be obtainable by any party to any action, civil or criminal, through any discovery process except:

~~(1)~~(A) In the event of an appeal under the Kansas administrative procedure act from a decision of the board and then only to the extent narrowly and necessarily to obtain court review;

~~(2)~~(B) by the board upon a finding that the records and information given to the board were not previously available to an agency investigating or prosecuting child abuse or neglect. Upon such a finding, the board or the board's designee may disclose such records and information necessary to assist in such investigation or prosecution to:

(i) Any law enforcement agency of this state or any political subdivision of this state;

(ii) any county or district attorney of this state; and

(iii) the Kansas department for children and families;

(C) by the board upon a finding that the records and information given to the board are wholly or partially false or fraudulent. Upon such a finding, the board or the board's designee may disclose such records and information to any law enforcement agency or political subdivision of this state responsible for investigating or prosecuting such false or fraudulent records and information;

(D) upon a strict showing to the court in a separate civil or criminal action that particular information or documents are not obtainable after diligent effort from any independent source, and are known to exist otherwise only in board records, the court may inspect in camera such records to determine whether the specific requested information exists. If the court determines the specific information sought exists in the

board records, the documents may then be released only by court order if the court finds as part of its order that the documents will not pose any threat to the safety of the victim or any other person whose identity may appear in board records; or

~~(3)~~(E) by any board order granting or denying compensation to a crime victim.

(2) The provisions of paragraphs (1)(B) and (C) shall expire on July 1, 2031, unless the legislature reviews and reenacts such provisions pursuant to K.S.A. 45-229, and amendments thereto.";

Also on page 4, in line 33, after "74-7304" by inserting ", 74-7308";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 6, after the semicolon by inserting "relating to confidentiality of records and information given to the crime victims compensation board; providing certain exceptions thereto;"; in line 7, after "74-7304" by inserting ", 74-7308";

And the bill be passed as amended.

HB 2651, As Amended by House Committee of the Whole, be amended on page 6, in line 13, by striking "statute book" and inserting "Kansas register"; and the bill be passed as amended.

The Committee on **Local Government, Transparency and Ethics** recommends **HB 2539**, As Amended by House Committee, be amended on page 1, following line 7, by inserting:

"New Section 1. (a) The board of any library or library district may by resolution and shall, whenever presented with a petition signed by not less than 25% of the qualified electors of the territory in which such library provides services, cause to be submitted to the voters of such territory at the next general election the question of whether the members of such board shall be elected. Any such resolution or petition shall include provisions for:

(1) The number of members of the board;

(2) whether the members are to be elected at-large or by member districts; and

(3) whether the members are to be elected at an annual meeting of the board or at a general election.

(b) If a majority of the votes cast approve the election of members of the board, then, prior to the first election of the board, the board shall establish member districts, if necessary, and the initial terms of elected members so that not more than a simple majority of the board is elected at any one election. All subsequent terms of members of the board shall be four years. The term of each member shall commence on January 1 following the election of such member. All elections of board members shall be on a nonpartisan basis.

(c) (1) For a library established by a municipality, the territory in which such library provides services shall be the territory under the jurisdiction of such municipality.

(2) For a library district established pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1236, and amendments thereto, the territory in which such library provides services shall be the territory of such district.

(d) Any library board whose members are elected pursuant to this section may by resolution and shall, whenever presented with a petition signed by not less than 25% of the qualified electors of the territory in which such library provides services, cause to be submitted to the voters of such territory at the next general election the question of

whether:

(1) Such members shall be appointed; or

(2) such members shall be elected at an annual meeting of the library board or at a general election.

(e) This section shall not apply to any library or library district established under K.S.A. 12-1261, 12-1276, 12-1282 or 12-1296, and amendments thereto, K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 12-12,105 or 12-12,113, and amendments thereto, or the Johnson county library established under K.S.A. 12-1219 et seq., and amendments thereto.";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

Also on page 1, in the title, in line 1, after the semicolon by inserting "providing a process for changing from an appointed governing board to an elected governing board;"; and the bill be passed as amended.

The Committee on **Public Health and Welfare** recommends **SB 522** be amended on page 1, in line 24, by striking all after "(3)"; by striking all in lines 25 through 29; in line 30, by striking "(4)"; also in line 30, by striking all after "any"; by striking all in lines 31 through 35; in line 36, by striking all before the period and inserting "school of a school district as defined in K.S.A. 72-3609, and amendments thereto, postsecondary educational institution as defined in K.S.A. 74-3201b, and amendments thereto, or a day care facility as defined in K.S.A. 75-7708, and amendments thereto. "School" does not include a day care facility owned or operated by a private entity as defined in K.S.A. 75-52,167, and amendments thereto";

On page 2, in line 1, by striking all after "(a)"; by striking all in lines 2 through 8; in line 9, by striking "(b)"; also in line 9, by striking "or private entity"; by striking all in lines 11 through 13; in line 14, by striking "(d)" and inserting "(b)"; also in line 14, by striking ", conference, symposium or gathering for learning";

And by redesignating subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs and clauses accordingly;

Also on page 2, in line 33, by striking all after the second "a"; in line 34, by striking the comma and inserting "or"; also in line 34, by striking "or ticket issuer"; in line 40, by striking "(1)"; in line 42, by striking "private entity,"; also in line 42, by striking the second comma and inserting "or"; in line 43, by striking all before "violated"; also in line 43, by striking "private";

On page 3, in line 1, by striking the first "entity,"; also in line 1, by striking the second comma and inserting "or"; also in line 1, by striking "or ticket issuer"; by striking all in lines 4 through 9; in line 10, by striking "(1)"; by striking all in lines 14 through 16; and the bill be passed as amended.

The Committee on **Transportation** recommends **HB 2553** be amended on page 1, in line 8, by striking "PBS"; also in line 8, after "Kansas" by inserting "PBS"; in line 14, by striking "telecommunications service, incorporated," and inserting "broadcasting council"; in line 18, by striking "telecommunications service, incorporated" and inserting "broadcasting council"; in line 31, by striking "PBS"; also in line 31, after "Kansas" by inserting "PBS";

On page 2, in line 7, by striking "telecommunications service, incorporated" and inserting "broadcasting council"; in line 10, by striking "PBS"; also in line 10, after "Kansas" by inserting "PBS"; in line 14, after "type" by inserting a comma; in line 15, by striking all before "and" and inserting "broadcasting council"; in line 18, after "thereto" by inserting ", except that payments from the Kansas PBS royalty fund shall

be made on a monthly basis to the Kansas public broadcasting council. The Kansas public broadcasting council shall distribute royalty payments to the Kansas public television stations based on the zip codes established through the PBS national streaming geofencing system to determine which Kansas public television station covers the area in which the motor vehicle is registered";

On page 1, in the title, in line 2, by striking "PBS"; also in line 2, after "Kansas" by inserting "PBS"; and the bill be passed as amended.

On motion of Senator Blasi, the Senate adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 18, 2026.

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