



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Interested Parties

**From:** John J. Federico, JD  
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**Date:** April 8, 2024

**Re:** Weekly Report – Week of April 1, 2024

Please see our Weekly Report on Kansas Legislative activities:

### **A SPECIAL NOTE ON BILL TRACKERS**

***Bills are introduced in the Kansas Legislature daily. We update your Bill Tracker every day and the link to your Bill Tracker is now automatically updated. Please ensure you monitor the Bill Tracker to be kept apprised of what legislation has been introduced impacting your organization.***

If there are bills that you would like *removed* from or *added* to your bill tracker, please contact Liz Sosa ([Liz@FedericoDuerst.com](mailto:Liz@FedericoDuerst.com)).

As always, our office is more than happy to send you specific language as well.

### **LEGISLATURE ADJOURNS UNTIL VETO SESSION ON APRIL 25**

At roughly 2:30 AM on Saturday morning, the Kansas Legislature broke for First Adjournment. They will return on April 25 for Veto Session and will spend an undetermined number of days finishing business and, if necessary, overriding vetoes.

Please see our summary of bills that were worked on during the past week and whether they passed one or both Chambers. Should you have questions, do not hesitate to contact our office.

### ***BILLS ADOPTED BY BOTH CHAMBERS - SENT TO GOVERNOR FOR APPROVAL***

***CCR SB18-*** *Adopt rules and regulations relating to deferred maintenance and demolition of facilities at postsecondary institutions.*

- Passed the House [86-37](#) and passed the Senate [32-7](#).

***SB19-*** *Establish the Kansas National Guard Education Master's for Enhanced Readiness and Global Excellence (EMERGE) Program to provide financial assistance to Kansas National Guard members pursuing master's degrees at a Kansas educational institution.*

- Passed the House [119-3](#) and passed the Senate [26-2](#).

**SB28**-Contains supplemental funding in FY2024, funding for most state agencies for FY2025, and selected adjustments for FY2026-2028.

- Passed the House [78-44](#) and passed the Senate [26-12](#).

**CCR House Sub for SB73**- Amend certain enrollment determination criteria in the Kansas School Equity and Enhancement Act to require school district enrollment be determined using the current/preceding school year.

- Passed the House [120-3](#) and passed the Senate [35-4](#).

**CCR SB115**- Enact the Child Advocate Act (Act) which would establish the Office of the Child Advocate (OCA) as an independent state agency.

- Passed the House [117-3](#) and passed the Senate [36-3](#).

**CCR SB143**- Making various changes to the Elevator Safety Act (Act).

- Passed the House [118-2](#) and passed the Senate [36-1](#).

**CCR H Sub for SB271**- Prohibit government agencies from purchasing or acquiring drones whose critical components were produced in a country of concern, or whose critical components were produced or owned by a foreign principal.

- Passed the House [90-30](#) and passed the Senate [21-12](#).

**CCR SB292**- Authorize the appointment of a State Judge Advocate by the Adjutant General; create and amend law related to death and disability benefits provided to Kansas Air and Army National Guard (Guard) members

- Passed the House [121-0](#) and passed the Senate [37-0](#).

**SB333**- Extend the sunset date to July 1, 2029, for the State Use Law Committee.

- Passed the House [123-0](#) and passed the Senate [36-1](#).

**House Sub for SB349**- Continue in existence the various exceptions to the Kansas Open Records Act (KORA).

- Passed the House [114-8](#) and passed the Senate [35-0](#).

**CCR SB356**- Amend provisions pertaining to certain financial reporting requirements on group-funded liability and group-funded workers compensation pools, and would also remove certain notification requirements.

- Passed the House [118-5](#) and passed the Senate [38-1](#).

**CCR SB359**- Authorize issuance of seven license plates on and after January 1, 2025, and require the county of registration to be displayed on license plates approved for production and issuance on and after July 1, 2024.

- Passed the House [101-19](#) and passed the Senate [38-1](#).

**CCR SB384**- Create the Riley County Unincorporated Area Nuisance Abatement Act and the Crawford County Unincorporated Area Nuisance Abatement Act and would amend statutes pertaining to the Emergency Medical Services Board (EMS Board).

- Passed the House [122-1](#) and passed the Senate [33-5](#).

**CCR SB410**- Amend law related to income tax, property tax, and sales tax.

- Passed the House [120-0](#) and passed the Senate [34-2](#).

**CCR SB438**- Establish the Kansas Blueprint for Literacy, creating the Literacy Advisory Committee, creating the position of Director of Literacy within the State Board of Regents

- Passed the House [98-22](#) and passed the Senate [34-3](#).

**CCR SB455**- Clarify the term “public utility” in statute, for the purposes of appropriation of property through eminent domain, to include solar-powered electric generation equipment, including solar panels.

- Passed the House [121-0](#) and passed the Senate [36-0](#).

**CCR SB458**- Kansas standard asset seizure and forfeiture act; exempting certain drug offenses from the act. Passed the House [120-0](#) and passed the Senate [35-0](#).

**CCR SB473**- Authorizing a notice to appear that meets certain requirements to serve as a lawful complaint and revising operations for compensated surety.

- Passed the House [82-41](#) and passed the Senate [23-10](#).

**CCR Sen. Sub for HB2036**- Comprehensive Tax Bundle- Revising Kansas Income Tax Rates, increasing the Kansas standard deduction and the Kansas Personal Exemption, revising property tax levies, and expediting the elimination of State sales tax on food.

- Passed the Senate [24-9](#) and passed the House [119-0](#).

**CCR HB2098**- Sales tax bundle including motor vehicle sales, disabled veterans, and exclusion of manufacturers coupons. Exemptions for custom meat processing, and School for Blind/Deaf and other groups.

- Passed the Senate [34-1](#) and passed the House [102-17](#).

**CCR HB2105**- Prohibition of certain actions based on Diversity Equity or Inclusion for State Postsecondary Educational Institutions

- Passed the Senate [28-11](#) and passed the House [81-40](#).

**CCR Sen. Sub for HB2124**- Revising Alcohol Distribution laws to allow for the limited distribution of alcoholic beverages from microbreweries.

- Passed the Senate [37-2](#) and passed the House [118-3](#).

**CCR Sen. Sub for HB2144**- Creating the crimes of encouraging suicide and organized retail crime.

- Passed the Senate [32-4](#) and passed the House [107-12](#).

**CCR HB2465**- Enacting the Adoption Savings Account Act and providing tax exemptions for maternity centers.

- Passed the Senate [29-10](#) and passed the House [83-38](#).

**CCR HB2481**- Highway Renaming Bill: including First Responders Memorial Highway (US-281) and provisions adopting the State Heritage Railroad and State Steam Locomotive.

- Passed the Senate [39-0](#) and passed the House [120-0](#).

**CCR HB2498**- *Increasing the transfer from the State Highway Fund to the Public Use General Aviation Airport Development Fund*

- Passed the Senate [34-5](#) and passed the House [117-4](#).

**CCR HB2501**- *Establishing minimum distance for storage of rolling stock near railroad crossings*

- Passed the Senate [36-0](#) and passed the House [120-1](#).

**CCR HB2527**- *Utilities Bundle including, revising KCC operations, cap on recovery expenses, economic development for large facilities, retirement of electric facilities, and revisions to net metering policies.*

- Passed the Senate [33-2](#) and passed the House [119-0](#).

**CCR HB2532**- *Revising distribution of the tax on amounts wagered on historic horse races*

- Passed the Senate [34-3](#) and passed the House [88-32](#).

**CCR HB2547**- *Requiring Medical kits in schools, annual drug rescheduling in Uniform Drug Code, and enacting criminal provisions specific to Fentanyl.*

- Passed the Senate [35-3](#) and passed the House [120-1](#).

**CCR HB2560**- *Revising State Banking Code, related to abandoned applications and out-of-state operations.*

- Passed the Senate [34-5](#) and passed the House [119-4](#).

**CCR HB2562**- *Enacting the Protect Vulnerable Adults From Financial Exploitation Act, Revising Real Estate Commission, and removal of unlawful restrict covenants*

- Passed the Senate [38-1](#) and passed the House [123-0](#).

**CCR Sub for HB2570**- *Revising Unemployment Security Law, adjusting caps and employer assessments.*

- Passed the Senate [38-1](#) and passed the House [123-0](#).

**HB2577**- *Providing discretionary authority to the State Treasurer to transfer moneys certified as equivalent to the aggregate net amount received for unclaimed property to the KPERS Board of Trustees.*

- Passed the Senate [38-2](#) and passed the House [120-2](#).

**HB2583**- *Increasing the criminal penalty for harming or killing police dogs and horses.*

- Passed the Senate [25-15](#) and passed the House [115-6](#).

**CCR HB2588**- *Authorizing telecommunication broadband and video service providers to operate in county public right-of-way and capping associated fees.*

- Passed the Senate [26-7](#) and passed the House [113-7](#).

**HB2607**- *Revising the Kansas Pesticide Law related to uncertified applicators.*

- Passed the Senate [39-1](#) and passed the House [118-2](#).

**CCR HB2614**- *Revising advance voting ballot procedures, including envelope information and collection of information for deliver of ballots. Also removing requirement of listing treasurer on campaign advertisements*

- Passed the Senate [26-13](#) and passed the House [75-48](#).

**CCR HB2618**- *Prohibiting the use of funds provided by the United States government for the conduct of elections without Legislative approval.*

- Passed the Senate [26-13](#) and passed the House [83-40](#).

**CCR HB2711**- *Enacting the Countries of Concern Divestment Act, requiring divestment from investments with countries of concern.*

- Passed the Senate [30-8](#) and passed the House [118-5](#).

**CCR HB2760**- *Establishing the Kansas Office of Veterans Services. Revising State Veteran Disability Benefits.*

- Passed the Senate [37-0](#) and passed the House [120-0](#).

**CCR HB2787**- *Updating Definitions in the Kansas Insurance Guaranty Association act and Kansas life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association*

- Passed the Senate [39-0](#) and passed the House [117-3](#).

***BILLS/CCRS CONSIDERED BY ONE CHAMBER BUT NOT BOTH – STILL PENDING***

**House Sub for House Sub for SB96**- *Revising licensure and regulation of childcare facilities and establishing the Kansas Office of Early Childhood.*

- Passed the House [110-10](#), but was not considered by the Senate prior to First Adjournment.

**CCR SB142**- *Traffic Laws Bundle- Unlawful passing of stationary vehicles, creating the crime of death of an authorized emergency vehicle operator in traffic incidents, and enacting safe driving provisions forbidding the use of mobile phone while driving in a school/construction zone or by a minor.*

- Passed the House [98-21](#), but was not considered by the Senate prior to First Adjournment.

**CCR House Sub for Sub SB232**- *Providing State child support for unborn children from the date of conception.*

- Passed the House [82-37](#), but was not considered by the Senate prior to First Adjournment.

**CCR House Sub for SB287**- *Health Bundle- Enacting the no patient left alone act- requiring hospitals, adult care homes, and hospice facilities to allow in-person visitation in certain circumstances, requiring parental consent for behavioral health treatment in a school setting, and permitting EMS distribution of certain over the counter medications.*

- Passed the House [109-10](#), but was not considered by the Senate prior to First Adjournment.

**CCR SB467**- *Increasing Membership on Council on Travel & Tourism; Revising STAR Bond District tax collections, providing for historic theater construction costs, increasing bonding for Rural Development Districts without obligation bonds, and providing for a Port Authority to be established by the City of Kansas City Kansas.*

- Passed the House [94-26](#), but was not considered by the Senate prior to First Adjournment.

**CCR SB500**- *Authorizing certain individuals to be eligible for restricted driving privileges.*

- Passed the House [120-0](#), but was not considered by the House prior to First Adjournment.

**CCR HB2234**- *Enacting the Kansas Film and Digital Media Production Development Act*

- Passed the Senate [32-6](#), but was not considered by the House prior to First Adjournment.

**CCR SB387**- *K-12 Education Appropriations*

- Passed the House [65-58](#), but was rejected by the Senate on a vote of [12-26](#), the CCR was sent back to Conference, where a [new CCR](#) was drafted, but not voted on prior to First Adjournment.

**CCR SB14**- *Removing three-day grace period for advanced ballots and extending transmittal of advance ballots to voters 22 days prior to an election.*

- Passed the House [73-48](#), but failed in a [20-19](#) vote in the Senate.

**CCR House Sub for SB172**- *Creating the Kansas land and military installation protection act; prohibiting foreign principals from countries of concern from holding any interest in certain real property in this state*

- Passed the House [84-36](#), but was rejected by the Senate on a vote of [19-14](#). The CCR was sent back to the Conference Committee, but no action was taken prior to First Adjournment.

**CCR HB2096**- *Property Tax Bundle: Veterans Calot Property Tax Relief Act, Expanding Golden Years Thresholds, Government Competition Tax Exemption, Revision of appraisals for 1031, build to suit and sales leaseback transactions, and provisions related to removing prohibition of BOTA appeal under protest.*

- Passed the Senate [23-14](#), after an initial motion to not adopt the CCR which failed [19-20](#). However, the CCR was rejected by the House on a strong voice vote.

***BILLS SENT TO THE GOVERNOR FOR APPROVAL AS OF APRIL 5, 2024***

**CCR SB233**- *Forbidding Abusive Child Transitions Act.*

- Passed House [82-39](#) and Passed Senate [27-13](#).

**SB345** – *Enacting the commercial financing disclosure act.*

- Passed House [115-8](#) and Passed Senate [38-2](#).

**SB 379** – *Providing a longer time for notice to creditors by publication when a petition for administration or probate of a will is filed.*

- Passed House [122-0](#) and Passed Senate [40-0](#).

**SB394** – *Requiring the use of age-verification technology to permit access to internet websites containing material that is harmful to minors.*

- Passed the House [92-31](#) and Passed the Senate [40-0](#).

**SB405** – *Holding a control person liable for violations of the Kansas uniform securities act by an individual subject to discipline under the act unless the control person was unaware and could not reasonably have know of the violations of such individual.*

- Passed the House [117-6](#) and Passed the Senate [29-10](#).

**SB430** – *Providing workers compensation act coverage for the Kansas national guard, limiting benefit reductions for retirement benefits, increasing dependents death benefits and other notices.*

- Passed the House [122-0](#) and Passed the Senate [40-0](#).

**SB434** – *Exempting the practice of hair removal by sugaring from the definition of cosmetology.*

- Passed the House [71-52](#) and Passed the Senate [38-1](#).

**SB462** - *Authorizing the director of vehicles to adopt rules and regulation for participation in the federal motor carrier safety administration's drug and alcohol clearinghouse program*

- Passed the House [122-1](#) and Passed the Senate [38-1](#)

**HB2353** – *Increasing the amount of time a person may be held for treatment and adding criteria for when continued treatment may be ordered under the care and treatment act for mentally ill persons.*

- Passed the House [119-0](#) and Passed the Senate [40-0](#).

**HB2358** - *Permitting mid-level practitioners to provide medical certification to attest to an individual's cause of death to file a death certificate.*

- Passed the House [110-11](#) and Passed the Senate [39-1](#).

**HB2436** - *Creating the crime of coercion to obtain an abortion and providing enhanced criminal penalties for offenses committed with the intent to coerce a woman to obtain an abortion.*

- Passed the House [82-37](#) and Passed the Senate [27-11](#).

**HB2446** - *Prohibiting cities and counties from regulating plastic and other containers designed for the consumption, transportation of merchandise, food or beverages.*

- Passed the House [72-51](#) and Passed the Senate [24-16](#).

**HB2453** - *Enacting the dentist and dental hygienist compact to provide interstate practice privileges for dentists and dental hygienists.*

- Passed the House [119-0](#) and Passed the Senate [38-2](#).

**HB2477** - *Increasing the maximum reimbursement from the Kansas agricultural remediation fund from \$200,000 to \$300,000 for an eligible person and from \$400,000 to \$600,000 when both a buyer and a seller or a lessee and a lessor are responsible for remediation and increasing the amount available to the Kansas agricultural remediation board for administrative overhead expenses from \$150,000 to \$175,000.*

- Passed the House [121-0](#) and Passed the Senate [39-1](#).

**HB2483** - *Eliminating the requirement to conduct a recurring 911 implementation audit, a recurring KPERS audit and certain economic development incentive audits.*

- Passed the House [119-0](#) and Passed the Senate [39-1](#).

**HB2484** - *Enacting the social work licensure compact to provide interstate practice privileges for social workers.*

- Passed the House [118-2](#) and Passed the Senate [35-5](#).

**HB2491** - *Abolishing the law enforcement training center fund; all liabilities of such fund are transferred to and imposed on the state general fund; moneys previously credited to such fund shall be credited to the state general fund.*

- Passed the House [122-0](#) and Passed the Senate [40-0](#).



**HB2536-** *Establishing the SOUL family legal permanency option for children 16 years of age or older.*

- Passed House [112-8](#) and Passed Senate [40-0](#).

**HB2545-** *Providing for the sale of property not retrieved by an occupant after notice, allowing electronic signatures and delivery for rental agreements, defining property that has no commercial value, providing for the deemed effectiveness of rental agreements not signed or delivered by an owner or occupant and specifying custody of abandoned or towed property under the self-service storage act.*

- Passed House [121-1](#) and Passed Senate [40-0](#).

**HB2549-** *Changing the lists of persons who are required to be given notice of the hearing on a petition for an independent or stepparent, private agency or public agency adoption and limiting a petition to terminate parental rights to adoption proceedings and setting requirements for such petitions filed separately from petitions for adoption*

- Passed House [119-1](#) and Passed Senate [40-0](#).

**HB2615-** *Providing for the publishing, printing and distributing of state laws and administrative rules and regulations.*

- Passed House [119-1](#) and Passed Senate [40-0](#).

**HB2628-** *Requiring the secretary for children and families to release certain information related to a child fatality when criminal charges are filed alleging that a person caused such fatality.*

- Passed House [119-0](#) and Passed Senate [40-0](#).

**HB2629-** *Requiring the secretary for health and environment to provide a death certificate of a child to the state child death review board, increasing the number of board members, allowing for compensation and providing for the disclosure of certain records to certain persons for securing grants.*

- Passed House [122-0](#) and Passed Senate [40-0](#).

**HB2634-** *Providing an additional corrective control provision for the chief engineer to consider when issuing orders of designations for local enhanced managements areas and intensive groundwater use control areas*

- Passed House [120-0](#) and Passed Senate [40-0](#).

**HB2648-** *Requiring the director of the budget to independently determine costs of compliance and implementation for all proposed rules and regulations and authorizing the director of the budget to disapprove proposed rules and regulations*

- Passed House [82-36](#) and Passed Senate [27-13](#).

**HB2660-** *Modifying requirements related to certain business entity filings with the secretary of state, authorizing a change of registered office address by a current occupant under the business entity standard treatment act and changing the information required in an amendment to the articles of incorporation for a cooperative*

- Passed House 120-0 and Passed Senate 40-0.

**HB2665-** *Increasing criminal penalties for a driver who leaves the scene of a vehicular accident when the accident results in the death of any person or more than one person, if the driver knew or reasonably should have known that such accident resulted in death.*



- Passed House [122-0](#) and Passed Senate [40-0](#).

**HB2675-** *Enacting the uniform nonparent visitation act.*

- Passed House [118-0](#) and Passed Senate [40-0](#).

**HB2690-** *Abolishing the 911 coordinating council and establishing the state 911 board; abolishing the 911 operations fund, 911 state fund and 911 state grant fund outside of the state treasury and establishing the state 911 operations fund, state 911 fund and state 911 grant fund in the state treasury; increasing the minimum county distribution of 911 moneys; and authorizing counties to contract with other counties for the provision of 911 PSAP services.*

- Passed House [114-5](#) and Passed Senate [39-1](#).

**HB2703-** *Including placement in foster care as a criteria for a student to be eligible for at-risk programs and services.*

- Passed House [119-0](#) and Passed Senate [40-0](#).

**HB2749-** *Requiring medical care facilities and providers to report the reasons for each abortion performed at such facility or by such provider to the secretary of health and environment.*

- Passed House [81-39](#) and Passed Senate [27-13](#).

**HB2754-** *Authorizing counties to use home rule powers to exempt from conducting school sanitary inspections.*

- Passed House [114-5](#) and Passed Senate [40-0](#).

**HB2781-** *Allowing compensation from the crime victims compensation board to be awarded for criminally injurious conduct, and increasing the amount that can be transferred from the crime victims compensation fund to the crime victims assistance fund in each fiscal year.*

- Passed House [121-0](#) and Passed Senate [40-0](#).

**HB2790-** *Transferring registration requirements and related compliance oversight and enforcement authority for professional employer organizations from the commissioner of insurance to the secretary of labor, granting the secretary responsibility over the professional employer organization fee fund and ensuring that welfare benefit plans offered by professional employer organizations to employees and covered employees are treated as a single employer welfare benefit plan for purposes of state law.*

- Passed House [122-0](#) and Passed Senate [39-0](#).

#### **OTHER PRESS RELEASES & UPDATES**

- [Governor Kelly Signs Bipartisan Bill Giving Taxpayers Additional Flexibilities with Income Tax Deductions](#)
- [Governor Kelly Announces KMW to Invest \\$105M in Sterling, Create 251 New Jobs in Kansas](#)
- [Governor Kelly Announces March Total Tax Collections \\$7M More than Estimate](#)