

End of Session Report

June 18, 2024

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Summary of 2024 Kansas Health Care Legislation

The Kansas Legislature concluded its work Wednesday, May 1, passing 158 bills. With a tax plan passed in the last few hours of the regular session, Governor Laura Kelly vetoed the final tax package and sought to call the legislature back for a special session on June 18, 2024. The two-day session included the passage of just 2 bills. Policymakers in both the House and Senate are up for election this year, and the new biennium is slated to begin Jan. 13, 2025. This issue brief summarizes enacted legislation, including those affecting hospitals and the health care industry, and legislation that was not completed during the 2024 session.

LEGISLATION PASSED DURING THE 2024 SESSION

Budget And Appropriations

- Appropriations Legislation for FY 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28 for various state agencies. [\(SB 28\)](#)
 - Contains \$50 million for increasing Medicaid Outpatient Hospital reimbursements by 31% and \$30 million for increasing Medicaid physician provider codes by 9%.
 - \$18 million to continue add-on Medicaid payments to nursing facilities.
 - Carryover of the unused \$5 million to reimburse the costs of health care providers, law enforcement and counties on an hourly basis for patient observation and transportation following an evaluation and awaiting approval for in-state involuntary state hospital admission.
 - Added \$5 million for hospitals with adult behavioral health beds.
 - \$2 million for hospitals operating as Rural Emergency Hospitals that haven't been eligible.
 - \$5.6 million was added for the cost adjustment factor for Critical Access Hospitals.
 - Added language directing Kansas Department of Health and Environment to begin the process of increasing the hospital provider assessment from no lower than 5% up to 6%.
 - Added language requiring supplemental nurse staffing agencies to register annually with the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services and report quarterly to the agency.
 - Added language saying drug manufacturers must honor the 340B Drug Pricing Program at contract pharmacies through the Consumer Protection Act.
 - \$15 million for the Western Kansas Nursing Initiative at Fort Hays State University.
- Omnibus Appropriations bill for FY 23, 24, and 25. [\(HB 2551\)](#)
 - Added \$5 million for hospitals with child and adult behavioral health beds.*
 - Added \$26.5 million to construct the Sedgwick County Regional Psychiatric Hospital.
 - Added language to delay implementation of the 340B enforcement contained in SB 28.*
 - \$4.8 million to extend Medicaid coverage for dental exams, X-rays and cleanings.
 - \$10 million for Rural Family Physician Residency Program expansion grants.
 - \$1 million for the Kansas Nursing Initiative Grant, \$1 million to the Kansas Nursing Service Scholarship. Recipients cannot be contract nurses.

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Insurance

- Requiring utilization review entities to implement prior authorization application programming interface. ([SB 356](#))
- Financial Exploitation Act. ([HB 2562](#))
- Insurance updates, long-term care insolvencies. ([HB 2787](#))

Health Care/Hospitals

- Rural Emergency Hospital provider tax and hospital district board membership changes to allow adjourning county members to serve in certain circumstances. ([H Sub for SB 42](#))
- Prohibiting health care providers from treating a child whose gender identity is inconsistent with the child’s sex, civil cause of action. ([H Sub for SB 233](#))*
- Patient visitation, Rural Emergency Hospital licensure, distribution of over-the-counter drugs by EMS ([H Sub for SB 287](#))
- Regulation of controlled substances, emergency medication in schools. ([HB 2547](#))
- Abortion reporting requirements to include reasons for procedure ([HB 2749](#))**
- Facility licensure, State Fire Marshal body cameras, CCRC oversight. ([HB 2784](#))
- Establishing cardiac emergency response grant funds and requiring schools to have response plans. ([SB 19](#))
- Allowing mid-level practitioners to provide medical certification to cause of death. ([HB 2358](#))

Workforce

- Workers’ Compensation changes. ([SB 430](#))
- Employment Security Law updates. ([HB 2570](#))
- Create the Kansas Apprenticeship Act, including grants for health care. ([HB 2292](#))
- Allowing for embalmer apprenticeship. ([HB 2262](#))
- Professional employer organizations compliance and oversight. ([HB 2790](#))

Licensure

- Institutional licensure and clarifying practice privileges. ([SB 433](#))
- Social Work licensure Compact. ([HB 2484](#))
- BSRB Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board temporary licensure. ([SB 131](#))
- Occupational licensing fees for military and military spouses. ([HB 2745](#))

EMS

- Allowing EMS to grant permanent waivers and allowing minimum EMS requirements in transfers. ([SB 384](#))

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Other

- Administrative rules and regulations review process. ([HB 2648](#))**
- Publication requirement updates for rules and regulations. ([HB 2615](#))
- Tax credits for hiring persons with disabilities. ([SB 15](#))
- Kansas Campus Restoration Act. ([SB 18](#))
- Reconciling amendments to statutes. ([SB 27](#))
- Tax Reform legislation. ([H Sub for SB 37](#))*
- Education and school enrollment calculations. ([H Sub for SB 73](#))
- Office of Child Advocate. ([SB 115](#))
- Elevator Safety Act updates. ([H Sub for SB 143](#))
- Foreign land ownership. ([H Sub for SB 172](#))*
- Children’s Cabinet fundraising account establishment. ([SB 195](#))
- Relating to orders of child support for unborn children. ([H Sub for SB 232](#))*
- Drone technology and purchases from foreign principal. ([H Sub for SB 271](#))*
- Information Technology and cybersecurity for state agencies. ([H Sub for SB 291](#))
- Veterans and military benefits updates. ([SB 292](#))
- Adding for-profit private entities to be eligible for Kansas Fights Addiction funds. ([SB 307](#))
- Crimes and rules of evidence. ([H Sub for SB 318](#))
- Related to public water supply and hazardous waste. ([SB 331](#))
- Underground storage tanks. ([SB 336](#))
- Department of Education school district funding. ([SB 339](#))
- Open Records Act and exceptions. ([H Sub for SB 349](#))
- Distinctive license plates. ([SB 359](#))
- Tax advantage savings programs. ([SB 360](#))
- Expiring Sedgwick County Urban Area Nuisance Abatement Act. ([SB 362](#))
- Kansas probate code. ([SB 379](#))
- Allowing district coroners. ([SB 381](#))
- Education funding. ([H Sub for SB 387](#))
- Internet Content and Consumer Protection Act. ([SB 394](#))
- Salvage vehicle dealers reporting. ([SB 399](#))
- Uniform Securities Act violation. ([SB 405](#))
- Property tax appeals changes. ([SB 410](#))
- Driving under the influence law updates. ([SB 414](#))
- Immunity from crimes when providing medical assistance. ([H Sub for SB 419](#))
- Allowing juvenile offenders to leave facilities for certain programs. ([H Sub for SB 420](#))
- Kansas Plane Coordinate System Act. ([SB 424](#))
- State capitol memorial honoring Emil Joseph Kapaun. ([SB 431](#))
- Exempting sugaring from definition of cosmetology. ([SB 434](#))*

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- Board of Regents funding including Kansas nursing service scholarship awards. ([SB 438](#))
- Prohibiting public utilities from eminent domain in solar power generation. ([SB 455](#))
- Seizure and Forfeiture Act Updates. ([SB 458](#))
- Commercial driver’s license updates. ([SB 462](#))
- Updates to the criminal code and changes to the requirements of surety to submit state and national criminal history checks ([SB 473](#))**
- Renaming K-State Polytechnic Campus as K-State Salina. ([SB 481](#))
- Standardizing the fingerprinting requirements. ([SB 491](#))
- Allowing those with restricted driving privileges to drive children from school or childcare and religious worship services. ([SB 500](#))
- Tax reform package. ([S Sub for HB 2036](#))*
- Livestock marks and brands. ([S Sub for HB 2047](#))
- Taxation, veterans’ valor property tax, dependent tax credit, seniors’ homeowners’ property tax. ([HB 2096](#))*
- Kansas film and digital media tax credit. ([HB 2097](#))*
- Deduction for calculating tax owed with selling vehicle and other sales tax exemptions. ([HB 2098](#))**
- Higher education and diversity, equity or inclusion. ([HB 2105](#))
- Microbreweries, studies. ([S Sub for HB 2124](#))
- Crime of encouraging suicide. ([S Sub of HB 2144](#))
- Library districts. ([HB 2176](#))
- Mortgage Business Act; credit card surcharge. ([S Sub for HB 2247](#))
- Care and treatment for mentally ill persons; increasing time allowed for initial continued treatment order. ([HB 2353](#))
- Tax reform package. ([HB 2284](#))*
- Veterans and military license plates. ([HB 2392](#))
- Creating the crime of coercion to obtain an abortion. ([S Sub for HB 2436](#))**
- Cities and counties prohibiting plastics. ([HB 2446](#))*
- Tax credits for adoption and pregnancy resource centers. ([HB 2465](#))**
- Increasing Kansas Agricultural Remediation Fund. ([HB 2477](#))
- Highway naming legislation. ([HB 2481](#))
- Eliminating certain required legislative post audits. ([HB 2483](#))
- Abolishing the Law Enforcement Training Center Fund. ([HB 2491](#))
- Increasing investments for public use general aviation airports. ([HB 2498](#))
- Storage of rolling stock near rail crossings. ([HB 2501](#))
- Utility rates for certain assets and cost recovery allowances. ([HB 2527](#))
- Changes to make-up of Department of Wildlife and Parks. ([HB 2530](#))
- Kansas Purple Alert Plan for those missing with intellectual disability. ([HB 2531](#))
- Parimutuel racing and gaming. ([HB 2532](#))*

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- Allowing child in need of care, 16 or older, to have SOUL legal permanency. ([HB 2536](#))
- Self-Service Storage Act. ([HB 2545](#))
- Adoption and termination of parental rights. ([HB 2549](#))
- Rules of evidence relating to peer support counseling sessions. ([HB 2557](#))
- Financial institutions updates. ([HB 2560](#))
- Authorizing credit unions to do business outside the state. ([HB 2561](#))
- KPERS investments. ([HB 2577](#))
- Crimes against police dogs or horses. ([HB 2583](#))**
- Drainage districts governance. ([HB 2587](#))
- Authorizing telecommunication broadband in public right-of-way and limiting fees. ([HB 2588](#))
- Pipeline safety ([HB 2590](#))
- Civil procedure for small claims. ([HB 2604](#))
- Increasing rates to counsel appointed by the Board of Indigent's Defense. ([HB 2605](#))
- Pesticide law. ([HB 2607](#))
- Elections, requiring information on advance ballots. ([HB 2614](#))*
- Elections, crimes of false representation. ([HB 2618](#))*
- Child fatality records. ([HB 2628](#))
- Updates to the Child Death Review Board. ([HB 2629](#))
- Law Enforcement Memorial Advisory Committee membership. ([HB 2632](#))
- Groundwater management districts. ([HB 2634](#))
- Business filings updates. ([HB 2660](#))
- Vacancies in the Board of County Commissioners. ([HB 2661](#))
- Uniform Act regulation traffic and leaving the scene. ([HB 2665](#))
- Uniform Nonparent Visitation Act updates. ([HB 2675](#))
- 911 Board changes. ([HB 2690](#))
- At-risk school district programs. ([HB 2703](#))
- KPERS updates. ([HB 2711](#))^
- Counties exempt from public health school safety inspections. ([HB 2754](#))
- Powers of the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs. ([HB 2760](#))
- Crime Victims' Compensation Board updates. ([HB 2781](#))
- Prohibiting state agency, city or county from restricting use or sale of motor vehicle based on energy source. ([HB 2783](#))
- Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact. ([HB 2453](#))
- Tax Reform ([SB 1](#) – Special Session) – Gov's Action Unknown at Publication
- STAR BONDS ([HB 2001](#) – Special Session) -Gov's Action Unknown at Publication

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Bills that did not pass during the 2024 session. This year ends the biennium, so these bills would have to be re-introduced in future sessions.

Emergency Services

- Establishing minimum training for EMS and law enforcement for interacting with persons with dementia. ([SB 445](#))
- Allowing counties to contract to share 911 answering services. ([SB 487](#))

Gender Services

- Prohibiting providers from treating a child whose gender identity is inconsistent with sex. Civil cause of action. Restricting the use of state funds. ([HB 2791](#))
- Prohibiting gender transition surgeries on minors. ([HB 2792](#))

Health/Hospitals

- Expanding Medicaid. ([SB 355](#))
- Requiring The University of Kansas Hospital to have authority before purchasing property outside of Kansas. ([SB 395](#))
- Expands the definition of health care provider for providing care at the scene of accident or emergency. ([SB 449](#))
- Establishing the Alzheimer’s Disease Advisory Council. ([SB 450](#))
- Requiring the Kansas Department of Health and Environment Secretary to adopt anaphylaxis prevention response policies for school and daycare guidelines. ([SB 460](#))
- Providing that a fertilized embryo shall not be considered an unborn child. ([SB 554](#))
- Requiring schools to maintain emergency supply of albuterol kits. ([HB 2555](#))
- Expanding Medicaid eligibility. ([HB 2556](#))
- Requiring KDHE to develop and publish information regarding use of nonopioids. ([HB 2670](#))
- Requiring a prescriber to discuss risks of certain controlled substances and alternatives. ([HB 2686](#))
- Ensuring transparency in prior authorization. ([HB 2713](#))
- Expanding duties of KDHE to report on maternal deaths. ([HB 2716](#))
- Permitting the use of expedited partner therapy to treat sexually transmitted diseases. ([HB 2750](#))
- Enacting consumer protection related to the Hospital Price Transparency Act. ([HB 2825](#))

Abortion

- Prohibiting abortion procedures except when necessary to save the life of a woman. ([SB 5](#))
- Designating facilities performing elective abortions as ineligible for the Kansas Health Care Stabilization Fund. ([SB 354](#))
- Prohibiting abortion procedures and creating the crime of destruction of an embryo. ([HB 2181](#))
- Prohibiting abortion procedures except when necessary to save the life of a woman. ([HB 2492](#))
- Creating a civil cause of action against a health care provider who injures a child during an attempted abortion. ([HB 2515](#))
- Requiring certain ultrasound requirements for a woman prior to an abortion. ([HB 2814](#))

Vaccines/Infectious Disease

- Restricting authority of the KDHE secretary and local health officers to quarantine. Enacting Right to Refuse Act. ([SB 390](#))
- Enacting the constitutional right to health freedom and limiting secretary’s authority to impose quarantine. ([SB 391](#))

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Licensure/Scope

- Massage Therapist Licensure Act. ([SB 305](#))
- Laser Hair Removal Act. ([SB 461](#))
- Dietitians Licensing Act updates. ([HB 2746](#))
- Expanding pharmacists scope to include initiation of therapy post HIV exposure. ([HB 2747](#))
- Licensure for art therapists. ([HB 2756](#))
- Dieticians Licensure Compact. ([HB 2778](#))
- Scope of practice update for optometry law. ([HB 2779](#))

Pharmacy

- Granting the Medicaid inspector general access to K-TRACS without a warrant. ([SB 392](#))
- Prohibiting certain discrimination practices in the federal 340B Drug Pricing Program. ([SB 521](#))
- Prohibiting certain discriminatory actions in the federal 340B Drug Pricing Program. ([SB 540](#))

Workforce

- Establishing childcare ratios and licensing requirements in statute. ([H Sub for H Sub for SB 96](#))
- Removing the Kansas residency requirement for Kansas Promise Scholarship. ([HB 2539](#))
- Providing a preceptor income tax credit. ([HB 2804](#))

Insurance

- Prohibiting insurance companies from using environmental, social and governance standards. ([SB 512](#))
- Mandating insurance coverage for certain allergen dietary supplements for infants. ([HB 2595](#))
- Requiring health plans to impose no-cost sharing requirements for diagnostic examinations for breast cancer. ([HB 2689](#))
- Transferring the State Employee Health Plan to the Kansas Insurance Department. ([HB 2834](#))

Medical Cannabis

- Creating the Medical Cannabis Regulation Act. ([SB 135](#))
- Creating the Medical Cannabis Pilot Program. ([SB 555](#))

Other

- Fair market value indicators for property tax valuation. ([SB 311](#))
- Increasing retirant compensation subject to employer contribution rate for KPERS. ([SB 388](#))
- Prohibiting the mailing of advance ballot applications. ([SB 343](#))
- Prohibiting the use of public funds for lobbying. ([SB 373](#))
- Establishing the Trade Services Scholarship Act. ([SB 378](#))
- Abolishing the Division of Post Audit and electing statewide auditor. ([SB 411](#))
- Expanding the scope of the inspector general to investigate all state cash, food or health programs and subpoena to execute search warrants. ([SB 488](#))
- Requiring political subdivisions to maintain revenue neutral rate and use funds to reduce property tax to receive LAVTRF funds. ([SB 536](#))

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- Supporting decision-making agreements for adults who want assistance. ([HB 2345](#))
- Increasing dollar amount of state scholarships for students attending a postsecondary educational institution. ([HB 2464](#))
- Authorizing the governor to submit a budget limiting expenditure increases. ([HB 2472](#))
- Providing immunity from prosecution of drug crimes when persons seek to provide medical assistance. ([HB 2487](#))
- Updating Dental Practices Act. ([HB 2565](#))
- Requiring the KDHE secretary to not renew contracts to provide childcare licensing services and to conduct surveys of childcare providers under the department. ([HB 2569](#))
- Treatment and medical services that may be provided to a child in need of care. ([HB 2580](#))
- Competency to stand trial/reimburse for costs of keeping persons in custody of county jail. ([SB 448](#))
- Providing an exception to criminal liability when a defendant has a mental illness. ([HB 2692](#))
- Establishing Fentanyl Poisoning Awareness Week. ([HB 2709](#))
- Requiring the Kansas Department for Children and Families to reimburse hospitals when a child is in the custody of the state and remains at a hospital but is no longer receiving services. ([HB 2742](#))
- Establishing the Dental Loss Ratio Act. ([HB 2752](#))
- Continuing certain exemptions of public records under the Open Records Act. ([HB 2805](#))
- Directing the Department of Corrections to establish a nursery for incarcerated mothers. ([HB 2811](#))
- Providing legislative review for new occupational regulation. ([HB 2818](#))