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Summary of the 2026 Kansas Health Care Legislation

The Kansas Legislature concluded its 2026 session, passing just over 100 bills, after a highly active year marked by shrinking budget margins, pursuing tax reform efforts and preparations for the upcoming statewide and House of Representatives elections. The session included a major debate on pharmacy benefit managers, scope-of-practice expansions, nursing reforms and budget investments in behavioral health.

This report summarizes key budget provisions, major legislation affecting hospitals and health systems and priority issues that remain unresolved as the next legislative cycle approaches.

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Budget And Appropriations

- Appropriations legislation for fiscal years 2026, 2027, 2028 and 2029 for various state agencies. ([HB 2513](#)).
Adjusts total state expenditures by \$27.8 billion, including \$10.9 million from the State General Fund.
 - \$4 million for behavioral health patient observation and transportation reimbursement
 - \$10 million add-on for adult behavioral health beds.
 - \$39.2 million for contract staffing at state hospitals, including Larned and Osawatomie.
 - \$22 million for the first year of operations at the South Central Regional Mental Health Hospital.
 - \$3.5 million to remodel a structure at Osawatomie State Hospital to increase capacity.
 - \$56.5 million for the Children's Health Insurance Program expansion.
 - \$1 million for mobile sedation dentistry.
 - Medicaid and long-term care:
 - \$15/day Medicaid add-on rate for long-term care.
 - Increased funding and staffing for the Office of Inspector General (6.0 full-time employees).
 - Added reporting requirements for the Office of the Ombudsman regarding involuntary discharges from long-term care facilities.
 - Limiting the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's ability to promote the vaccine schedule approved by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services in July 2026.*
 - Nurse Fair Treatment and Recovery Fund.*
 - Restrictions on appropriations to entities that provide counseling toward or refer for an abortion.**
 - Requiring counseling for Medicaid patients entering nursing facilities about home plus and other options.**
 - Across-the-board 1.5 percent cut to state operations. **

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Insurance

- Income tax credit for qualified health care sharing ministry expenses. Passed the House and Senate, vetoed by the governor and veto overridden in the House and Senate. ([SB 368](#)) **

Health Care/Hospitals

- Reports and other documentation concerning the Rural Health Transformation Program will be presented to and provided to the state finance council, the House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations, the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the Legislative Budget Committee. Passed the House and Senate and was approved by the Governor. ([HB 2555](#))

Nursing Bills

- Amend statutes regarding the Kansas State Board of Nursing, including voiding certain non-practice disciplinary actions based on violations of certain statutes, providing a grace period for nursing license renewal and a process for late renewal, amending the definition of "unprofessional conduct" under the Kansas Nurse Practice Act and making additional changes. ([HB 2528](#))
- Requires faculty at a school seeking approval from the Kansas State Board of Nursing as a school for professional nurses or at a school for practical nurses possess a nursing degree awarded by a state- or nationally accredited school of nursing approved by the board and the degree be at least one level more advanced than the degree awarded by the program in which they are teaching. The bill would prohibit the board from requiring additional or more advanced credentials for such faculty. The bill would allow the board to grant an exemption from this requirement to a school facing hardships in hiring faculty. ([SB 334](#)) ^

Medicaid Topics

- Requiring the Kansas Department for Children and Families and the Office of Inspector General to exchange information and documents related to fraud investigations involving cash assistance, childcare assistance and food assistance. The bill no longer includes quarterly redeterminations, but it does change self-attestation for a few items and mostly addresses the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families programs. ([HB 2731](#))**
- Permanent updates to the Children's Health Insurance Program income requirements and making them permanent. Reduction of the Bethell Interim Meetings. ([SB 271](#))

Abortion

- Allows plaintiffs to elect to limit recovery in claims brought for violations of the informed consent provisions of the Women's Right-to-Know Act and would not allow parties to the suit to request the convening of a medical malpractice screening panel. Statutory damages not to exceed \$5,000 and attorney fees. ([HB 2727](#)) **
- Amends the informed consent provisions of the Women's Right-to-Know Act regarding required information and required notice signs for both abortion procedures and medication abortion. The bill would also make technical and conforming amendments. Under the Act, the bill would specify that the information abortion providers are required to provide shall be on a form provided by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the form may be provided in hard copy on white paper or electronically transmitted to the woman. ([HB 2729](#)) **

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Pharmacy/Medications

- The bill would regulate pharmacy benefit managers, define auditing procedures, outline reporting requirements and allow compliance and financial examinations. It would require PBMs to charge a health benefit plan the same price for a prescription drug that the PBM pays a pharmacy for that drug, use the most recently published monthly National Average Drug Acquisition Cost as a point of reference and reimburse pharmacies at least the NADAC plus a professional dispensing fee of \$10.50. ([SB 20](#))
- Adding controlled substances to the Uniform Act, changes for fentanyl-related controlled substances and Kratom. ([HB 2365](#))
- Allowing a pharmacy to employ certain remote workers to engage in the remote practice of pharmacy; providing for the supervision and duties of remote pharmacy workers; permitting a pharmacist to initiate therapy for certain conditions consistent with the pharmacist's education, training and experience; adding pharmacists who initiate such therapy to the Health Care Stabilization Fund; allowing a 90-day emergency supply of a noncontrolled prescription drug to be filled when no refills remain; adopting the United States Pharmacopoeia Compounding Standards under the Pharmacy Act of the State of Kansas; removing the authority of the State Board of Pharmacy to authorize individuals to access the program database as delegates by rules and regulations. ([HB 2068](#))
- Permitting the use of expedited partner therapy for treatment; authorizing a licensed private psychiatric hospital to maintain a stock supply of emergency medication kits for pharmaceutical emergencies; allowing the use of expired emergency opioid antagonists to treat an opioid overdose; permitting first responders to distribute and administer expired emergency opioid antagonists; permitting a pharmacist to distribute epinephrine delivery systems to a school for emergency medication kits; amending definitions related to medication in schools to allow the use of epinephrine delivery systems. ([HB 2250](#))
- Requiring schools to provide fentanyl abuse education programs; mandating that school districts maintain a supply of naloxone in all schools; requiring the Department of Education to establish guidelines for active shooter drills; relating to school district at-risk student accountability plans; and modifying the requirements for student cohorts and achievement goals for such plans. ([HB 2534](#))

Health Professionals

- Allowing physical therapists to perform capillary blood tests and adding advanced practice registered nurses to the Health Care Stabilization Fund. ([HB 2509](#))
- Licensure Compacts for occupational therapy, respiratory therapy, esthetics and athletic training; enacting the Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact, Respiratory Care Interstate Compact, Esthetics Licensure Compact and Athletic Trainer Licensure Compact. ([HB 2533](#))
- Requires that the Legislature approve the adoption of new occupational licenses and material changes to existing licenses by certain state Executive Branch agencies. The bill would also require such agencies to annually report certain information to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations. The Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board, Board of Examiners in Optometry, Kansas State Board of Nursing, Kansas Dental Board, Kansas State Board of Healing Arts and Kansas Board of Pharmacy would be exempt from the bill's provisions. For purposes of the bill, an "occupational license" would mean an exclusive authorization by law that establishes the personal qualifications necessary to engage in an occupation or profession, along with any associated rules and regulations. ([SB 30](#)) **
- Optometrists Scope of Practice and participation in the Health Care Stabilization Fund. ([HB 2221](#))
- Establishing the Specialty Medical Loan Repayment Fund; allowing transfers from the Psychiatry Medical Loan Repayment Fund and the OBGYN Medical Loan Repayment Fund to the Specialty Medical Loan Repayment Fund; and abolishing the Psychiatry Medical Loan Repayment Fund and the OBGYN Medical Loan Repayment Fund. ([HB 2374](#))
- Requiring APRNs and registered nurse anesthetists to undergo a criminal history check upon applying for a nursing license. ([HB 2478](#))
- Allows physical therapists to issue a special license plate or temporary placard for a person with a disability upon receipt of satisfactory documentation of disability. ([HB 2562](#))
- Authorizes the use of a criminal history record check and the collection of fingerprints for an applicant for a physician assistant. ([HB 2702](#))
- Speech Language Pathology Compact licensure. ([HB 2761](#))

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- Prohibits persons who engaged in, participated in or attempted to engage in or participate in wrongful conduct from bringing an action for negligence or collecting damages for negligent conduct related to such wrongful conduct without review and approval by the Attorney General. ([SB 462](#))
- Requires public construction contracts entered into by a public entity and a contractor to include a mutual waiver of consequential damages. ([SB 335](#))
- Regarding hazardous waste monitoring and permit application fees, authorizing the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to adopt certain rules and regulations. ([HB 2042](#))
- Amends the Adult Care Home Licensure Act to increase the maximum number of residents in Home Plus facilities from 12 to 16. ([HB 2520](#))
- Prohibits a court from appointing a guardian for an adult diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, dementia or a similar neurological condition until the person to be appointed files an affidavit with the court verifying completion of an approved training program. The bill would authorize the court to waive the training requirement if it is in the best interest of the adult diagnosed with the condition. Any such waiver would be entered into the record of proceedings. ([HB 2536](#))
- Requires any political subdivision (subdivision), as defined in continuing law, to hold an open meeting before approving a contingent-fee contract for legal services, and to require that such contract be approved by the Attorney General before it becomes effective. ([HB 2593](#))**
- Adds exceptions to the Rules and Regulations Filing Act for technical amendments to existing rules, regulations and procedures; gives priority status to certain rules and regulations; modifies approval procedures for certain requirements; establishes a new public notice requirement; and provides conditions for submitting proposed rules and regulations to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations. ([HB 2719](#))**
- Requires any municipality that creates a subordinate service taxing area (such as a county service taxing district) and appoints its governing body to require that all appointed voting members be residents of the taxing area under certain circumstances. The bill would not apply to elected members of a governing body. The bill would require all voting members of such an appointed governing body to be residents of the taxing area if the municipality either: ● Imposes or authorizes a property tax on area residents, or authorizes the governing body to impose a property tax; or ● Authorizes the governing body to set a budget and spend funds for public services in the area. Any member who is not a resident of the taxing area would serve as a nonvoting member. ([HB 2769](#))
- Relates to the regulation thereof; reorganizes certain provisions that apply to foreign insurance companies seeking authorization to do business in Kansas; authorizes the suspension or revocation of a nonresident agent's license without notice and opportunity for a hearing after 30 days following notification to the commissioner that the nonresident agent no longer holds a home state license; requires the Commissioner of Insurance to notify certain nonresident agents in writing of the revocation of the nonresident agent's license; requires agents and public adjusters to respond to inquiries from the Commissioner of Insurance within 14 calendar days. ([SB 23](#))
- Enacting the Supported Decision-Making Agreements Act; allowing an adult to receive decision-making assistance with the adult's affairs from one or more other adults; providing requirements for decision-making agreements and duties related to them; including violations of this Act as a violation of the crime of mistreatment of a dependent adult or an elder person. ([SB 84](#))
- Extending the expiration date for provisions that authorize a utility not to offer parallel generation service to certain large load customers and that exempt certain large load customers from the determination of a utility's peak demand. ([SB 92](#))
- KDHE, Office of Vital Statistics; relating to information on government-administered savings accounts; establishing the Born to Invest Act; requiring the Office of Vital Statistics to provide information on children born in Kansas to the State Treasurer; and permitting the State Treasurer to provide informational materials on government-administered savings accounts for such children and their families. ([SB 232](#))
- Prohibiting aliens who are unlawfully present in the United States from receiving any state or local public benefit in accordance with applicable federal law; requiring individuals 18 years of age and older who apply for any state or local public benefit to provide proof of lawful presence; prohibiting the state or any county or local agency from providing any public benefit to any alien without first verifying the alien's lawful presence using the existing systematic alien verification for entitlements program; requiring state and local agencies administering public benefits to cooperate with the United States Department of Homeland Security to verify an alien's lawful presence. ([SB 254](#))*

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- Protection orders and precedent for child-related orders issued under the Protection from Abuse Act. ([SB 135](#))
- Concerning a vacancy in the joint candidacy of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor; relating to reasons for withdrawing candidacy for national, state and local offices; relating to the election of the board of directors of certain irrigation districts; specifying when such elections may be conducted under the mail ballot election law; relating to the crime of corrupt political advertising; removing the requirement that Treasurers be listed in political advertising attributions; clarifying campaign finance reports regarding vendor information. ([SB 260](#))
- Designating certain bridges on United States Highway 69 and the 18th Street Expressway in Johnson County as the Representative Robert M. Tomlinson Memorial Bridge, and a bridge on Interstate 135 in Sedgwick County as the Don Snyder Memorial Bridge; designating a portion of Interstate 35 as the Deputy Sam Smith Memorial Highway; designating a portion of United States Highway 36 as the Undersheriff Brandon Gaede Memorial Highway; designating a portion of K-49 as the Private Michael E. Gerber Memorial Highway; and redesignating the current portion of the 35th Infantry Division Memorial Highway on Interstate 35. ([SB 321](#))
- Directing such task force to study, evaluate and recommend improvements to vehicle services provided by state agencies or entities on behalf of the state; imposing certain limitations on the expenditure of County Treasurer Motor Vehicle Fee Funds; authorizing County Treasurers to charge certain increased fees for vehicle registration transactions. ([SB 325](#))
- Designating the official Kansas Railroad Hall of Fame to celebrate the rich railroad heritage of Kansas and the Kansans who have been and are leaders in the industry; setting the location of the hall of fame at the Great Plains Transportation Museum in Wichita; establishing the Kansas Railroad Hall of Fame Selection Committee; and prescribing the committee's powers and duties. ([SB 353](#))
- Administrative rules and regulations relating to sports wagering, authorizing the Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission to adopt certain rules and regulations. ([SB 356](#))
- Requiring convicted felons to be held in jail without bond until sentencing. ([SB 358](#))
- Tax credits for contributions to scholarship-granting organizations; electing to participate in the federal tax credit for individual contributions to scholarship-granting organizations. ([SB 361](#))**
- Establishing procedures in the Kansas Code of Procedure for Municipal Courts regarding the determination of an accused person's competency to stand trial; authorizing a municipal judge to order an examination; authorizing a district court judge to rely on a psychiatric or psychological examination ordered by a municipal court to facilitate an examination; requiring further consideration of evaluation and treatment for defendants charged with the most serious offenses; requiring certain items to be included in a petition and in the written report of the evaluation in an involuntary commitment proceeding; setting requirements for involuntary commitment proceedings when the defendant has not been committed or has been released and the court has determined that there is no probability the defendant will regain competency in the foreseeable future; requiring the court to make certain findings with respect to a person who is alleged to be mentally ill and subject to involuntary commitment for care and treatment when such person is also a criminal defendant. ([SB 374](#))
- Enacting the Proxy Advisor Transparency Act; providing legislative findings and definitions; requiring proxy advisors to disclose certain information when recommending an action against company management; authorizing the Attorney General to investigate and take enforcement actions against violators. ([SB 375](#)) **
- Regarding electric vehicle charging services, requiring retail electric suppliers to offer fair, reasonable and nondiscriminatory rates and services to entities that provide electric vehicle charging services. ([SB 380](#))
- Authorizing nonpublic schools to permit nonaccredited private elementary or secondary school students to participate in certain activities for such nonpublic schools; authorizing foreign exchange students who reside with a host family to enroll in and attend the host family's resident school district without being subject to the open-seat lottery process; adding certain third parties who contract with school districts to the definition of special teacher; authorizing special education state aid reimbursement for certain teachers who provide services pursuant to a contract; providing for the administration and proctoring of statewide assessments to a virtual school student by such student's virtual school. ([SB 382](#))

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- Prohibiting cities and counties from adopting or enforcing any ordinance or resolution that requires landlords to lease housing to tenants who receive financial assistance through the Housing Choice Voucher Program. ([SB 391](#))**
- Reorganized the Clearwater Cemetery District. ([SB 396](#))
- Relating to testimony in the form of opinion; requiring a proponent to demonstrate that it is more likely than not that certain specialized knowledge will help the trier of fact understand the evidence before certain qualified witnesses may testify. ([SB 398](#))
- Providing for the pheasants forever and for quail forever and for delta waterfowl distinctive license plates; restricting the use of materials or objects that cover a license plate; relating to the Kansas Uniform Commercial Drivers' License Act; modifying the definition of conviction in the Uniform Act. ([SB 403](#))
- Authorizing a challenge to a voluntary acknowledgment of paternity as soon as practicable after discovery of fraud, duress or a mistake of fact; specifying that certain genetic testing results constitute a change of circumstances that warrants a court finding of material mistake of fact; providing for recovery of actual damages in exceptional circumstances; relating to the revised Kansas Code for Care of Children; creating a referral process for cases involving children of military personnel to provide families with services offered by a military family advocacy program; requiring the Secretary of the Department for Children and Families to enter into a memorandum of understanding with military organizations; amending the definition of child in need of care to exclude a child engaging in age-appropriate independent activities; and excluding a child engaging in independent activities from the crime of endangering a child. ([SB 408](#))
- Regarding guardians and conservators; imposing the duty to notify certain entities and persons of any court order requiring the performance or safekeeping of the conservatee's estate assets. ([SB 412](#))
- Housing; relating to new housing development; enacting the By-Right Housing Development Act, which provides a streamlined permit approval process for by-right housing developments; allowing third-party review of new residential construction development documents and inspection of improvements; requiring political subdivisions to allow certain building provisions for certain single-family residences of a certain size; excluding owner-initiated rezoning to a single-family residential district from protest petition provisions; providing that all land within the corporate limits of a city that is zoned for any type of residential use be considered zoned for single-family residential use. ([SB 418](#))
- Standards and requirements therefor and certain retirement benefits therefrom; requiring banks, savings and loan associations and savings banks to enter into a written agreement with the State Treasurer to serve as a depository of public moneys; increasing the market value of securities required to secure the deposit of public moneys; providing procedures for when a depository fails to comply with the State Treasurer's requirements; authorizing the State Treasurer to assess a fee to operate the public moneys pooled method; creating the public moneys fee fund of the state treasurer; providing exceptions to the public moneys pooled method; making and concerning appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, for the Office of the State Treasurer; authorizing a certain transfer from the State General Fund to the Public Moneys Fee Fund; modifying investment standards for the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees for moneys certified by the State Treasurer as equivalent to the aggregate net amount received for unclaimed property and authorizing investments in certain foreign governments; authorizing the board of trustees to elect the vice chairperson of the board; requiring newly affiliated employers of the Kansas Police and Firemen's Retirement System to contribute at the actuarial required rate for past and future service; repealing certain working after retirement statutes for state and local elected officials. ([SB 435](#))
- Removing the board from the supervision of the Secretary of Corrections; changing the appointing authority for the members and establishing qualifications for the members; requiring parole hearings to be postponed if proper notice of the public comment session is not provided to the victim. ([SB 459](#))
- Prohibiting certain persons from recovering damages in such actions; relating to public nuisance; prohibiting civil actions for certain nuisances; providing that only the Attorney General may file claims regarding public nuisances not wholly contained within one political subdivision, unless the Attorney General delegates authority to one or more political subdivisions of the state to file such claims; requiring special injury for certain public nuisance actions. ([SB 462](#))**
- Probate; requiring nonresident fiduciaries to appoint an agent residing in this state; relating to estates of absentees. ([SB 480](#))

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- Requiring the Kansas Bureau of Investigation to provide a statewide offender registration system; providing for a petition to determine an offender's indigency; authorizing the issuance of a notice to appear for a violation of the act involving nonpayment of a fee; allowing offenders required to register under the act to report where they work or attend school at a single point of registration. ([SB 487](#))
- Prohibiting the use of a mobile device in school or a construction zone. ([SB 366](#))
- Requiring the Secretary of the Kansas Department for Children and Families and the Office of Inspector General to exchange information and documents related to fraud investigations involving cash assistance, childcare assistance and food assistance; requiring the DCF Secretary and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment Secretary to execute a memorandum of understanding or other written data-sharing instrument upon written request of the United States Department of Agriculture or the United States Department of Health and Human Services; requiring such secretaries to comply with written data requests from such federal agencies made pursuant to such memorandum of understanding or written data-sharing instrument. ([HB 2004](#))**
- Creating the crime of interfering with the conduct of a religious assembly and providing criminal penalties therefor. ([HB 2018](#))^
- Disposition of state real property; authorizing the Secretary of Corrections, on behalf of the Kansas Department of Corrections and the State of Kansas, to convey certain real property in Leavenworth County, Kansas, to Leavenworth County. ([HB 2099](#))
- Clarifying which structures shall be considered water obstructions rather than a dam; increasing application fees for a permit to construct, modify or add to a dam; and requiring post-construction permit fees. ([HB 2114](#))
- Regarding the authority of certain cities and counties to enter into contracts; requiring that certain contractual provisions be included in all such contracts. ([HB 2116](#))
- Permitting local authorities with jurisdiction over residence districts to reduce the maximum speed limit from 30 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour within those districts without an engineering and traffic investigation. ([HB 2124](#))
- Requiring beekeepers who meet certain requirements to sell packaged honey and honeycombs without holding a food establishment or food processing plant license. ([HB 2158](#)).
- Limiting or prohibiting work release for an offender convicted of a second or third domestic battery offense. ([HB 2192](#))
- Increasing the cumulative detention limit for juvenile offenders and the criminal penalties for juvenile offenders who use a firearm in the commission of an offense or who are repeat offenders; providing for increased placement of juvenile offenders in non-foster-home beds in youth residential facilities. ([HB 2329](#))**
- Enacting the Kansas Intellectual Rights and Knowledge Act; providing a civil cause of action and penalties for violations of the Act; authorizing students and student associations to exercise political and ideological beliefs, values and missions. ([HB 2333](#))**
- Establishing the Kansas Sports Tourism Grant Program, to be administered by the Secretary of commerce, to provide matching grants to help communities develop and sustain sporting events. ([HB 2346](#))*
- Providing for the expungement of certain court records in eviction actions where the underlying rental agreement is governed by the Residential Landlord and Tenant Act. ([HB 2357](#))
- Creating the crime of unlawful approach of a first responder and providing penalties therefor; requiring that traffic laws that apply to local and state law enforcement also apply to federal law enforcement. ([HB 2372](#))**
- Requiring eligible boards of education to consider participating in the community eligibility provision. ([HB 2402](#))
- Providing for enhanced criminal penalties for offenses committed with the intent to engage in transnational repression. ([HB 2413](#))
- Authorizing the use of additional resources to verify voter registration records; establishing the SAVE Kansas Act; and requiring periodic comparisons with the federal Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements database. ([HB 2437](#))**
- Allowing direct and indirect potable reuse of treated wastewater. ([HB 2462](#))
- Income taxation credits; Aviation and Eisenhower Foundation and angle investor. ([HB 2464](#))
- Sports authority for venue construction and STAR bond projects. ([HB 2466](#))

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- Allowing tax credits for private school scholarships ([HB 2468](#)) *
- Modifying the elements of the crime of blackmail related to the threatened dissemination of any image, video or other recording of another identifiable person who is nude or engaged in sexual activity by changing the connection to breach of privacy and by describing the content of the image, video or other recording; and describing who is a person in a position of authority for a school for the crime of unlawful sexual relations. ([HB 2479](#))
- Prohibiting municipalities from imposing limitations on the regulation of short-term rentals or vacation properties from May 15, 2026, through July 25, 2026. ([HB 2481](#))
- Removing the requirement that the Kansas Board of Education use a specific exam provider to administer state-funded college entrance and career-readiness exams. ([HB 2482](#))
- Requirements for agreements between postsecondary educational institutions and school districts for the provision of postsecondary courses taught in secondary schools; directing the Governor to approve short-term workforce training programs for Pell Grant eligibility. ([HB 2485](#))
- Prohibiting the assessment of a prepayment penalty against any party more than six months after the execution of a note for a home loan made primarily for personal, family or household purposes and secured by a real estate mortgage. ([HB 2497](#))
- Providing immunity from civil liability to federal firearms licensees for returning a firearm to the firearm owner at the termination of a firearm hold agreement. ([HB 2501](#))
- Providing an exception to the disclosure requirements of the Kansas Open Records Act for records of the Department of Wildlife and Parks regarding the location of any species that is threatened, endangered or in need of conservation. ([HB 2507](#))
- Prohibiting consumer legal funding companies from engaging in certain conduct; requiring specific consumer disclosures for consumer legal funding agreements. ([HB 2518](#))
- Expanding the Tort Claims Act to include child placement agencies that contract with the Secretary of the Department for Children and Families between July 1, 2026, and July 1, 2029. ([HB 2521](#))**
- Authorizing the Kansas Board of Regents, on behalf of Kansas State University, to sell certain real property in the city of Manhattan, Riley County, Kansas; granting state educational institutions the authority to conduct transactions involving contracts, easements and the procurement of goods and services. ([HB 2560](#))
- Challenging the constitutionality of state laws governing elections, requiring that such actions be brought in the district court of Shawnee County. ([HB 2569](#))*
- Relating to licensure requirements for certified public accountants. ([HB 2573](#))
- Requiring citizenship status to be shown on the license; requiring persons who present a driver's license identifying them as noncitizens at a polling place to be given a provisional ballot. ([HB 2587](#))*
- Enacting the Kansas Community Property Trust Act; authorizing the use of community property trusts during the marriage of settlor spouses. ([HB 2590](#))
- Authorizing financial institutions to report suspected financial exploitation of an adult account holder to a designated agency, to notify any adult designated as a trusted contact by the account holder of suspected financial exploitation and to place a temporary hold on certain transactions or disbursements. ([HB 2591](#))
- Permitting certain contracts for the production of manufactured or modular homes as part of a pilot program at the Hutchinson Correctional Facility. ([HB 2596](#))
- Establishing a child abuse and neglect registry to be maintained by the Secretary of the Department for Children and Families; requiring administrative hearings and an opportunity to appeal before placing an individual on the registry. ([HB 2601](#))
- Prohibiting municipalities from regulating battery-powered security fences. ([HB 2603](#)) **
- Fees chargeable for conducting examinations of persons who may be victims of sexual assault; authorizing the board to establish such fees and adopt rules and regulations for their administration. ([HB 2613](#))
- Highway naming US 75 Big Gen George Hawk and US 56 Bill Tucker ([HB 2615](#)).
- Creating a kiosk honoring Kansas military forces killed in action to be placed in the state capitol. ([HB 2626](#))*
- Authorizing the Kansas Department of Transportation to establish a statewide conduit system for fiber-optic broadband transmissions. ([HB 2647](#))

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- Limiting the use of a summons instead of a warrant to misdemeanor crimes; requiring any bond set on a warrant issued after failure to appear in response to a summons not to allow release on the defendant's own recognizance. ([HB 2651](#))*
- Requiring the clerk of the appellate courts to publish monthly a list of cases of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals in which a decision has not been entered and filed within six months of submission, and a list of cases in which a petition for review has not been granted or denied within six months of submission. ([HB 2652](#))
- Requiring the secretary to assist inmates in obtaining identification and employment-related documentation prior to release from custody. ([HB 2653](#))
- Establishing a right for persons who purchase or lease digital electronic equipment to obtain legal authorization, necessary documentation and parts from original equipment manufacturers to diagnose, maintain and repair such equipment. ([HB 2700](#))
- Modifying the applicability of design and construction standards and doorway and other interior accessibility requirements; providing certain state specifications that are not applicable to the Moderate-Income Housing Program and Kansas Investor Tax Credit Housing Act projects. ([HB 2739](#))
- Providing a protest petition to contest certain increases in property tax revenues; continuing reimbursements from the Taxpayer Notification Costs Fund for an additional five years. ([HB 2745](#))
- Increasing the annual fee for seed retailers and wholesalers ([SB 425](#)).
- Allowing the Senate Confirmation Oversight Committee to review tax information and Kansas Bureau of Investigation background checks on those before the Senate for confirmation. ([SB 427](#))
- Law Enforcement Memorial Advisory Committee. ([SB 445](#))
- Wabaunsee County/Audubon of Kansas land survey approval by the state historical society. ([SB 473](#))
- Prohibiting deference to the agency's interpretation by a state court or an administrative hearing officer in an administrative action. ([HB 2183](#))
- Allowing an emergency proclamation during the World Cup. ([HB 2212](#))
- Bonuses for state employees for recruitment and retention. ([HB 2237](#))
- Permitting homeless veterans to use alternative forms of ID for birth certificates and ID cards. ([HB 2274](#))
- Prohibiting the use of cell phones in Kansas schools. ([HB 2299](#))
- Requiring the transfer of student records when a student transfers schools. ([HB 2320](#))
- Expunged criminal records disclosure for insurance producer or adjuster. ([HB 2323](#))
- Creating a crime of aggravated criminal desecration of human remains. ([HB 2331](#))
- Seal for the House of Representatives. ([HB 2332](#))
- Requiring some offenders to receive treatment programming, unlawful use of a laser pointer as a crime and increasing certain crimes and penalties. ([HB 2347](#))
- Criminal and Civil Penalties for Squatters. ([HB 2378](#))
- Imposing a charge to fund non-judicial personnel. ([HB 2393](#)).
- Creating a Kansas motorsports venue. ([HB 2416](#))
- Transfer of water use and hearings. ([HB 2433](#))
- Authorizing natural gas use for cost recovery. ([HB 2435](#)).
- Excluding oil leases from having to file exemptions. ([HB 2440](#)).
- Special sentencing for presumptive imprisonment. ([HB 2444](#))
- Prohibiting courts from considering traffic convictions older than five years. ([HB 2467](#))
- Neighborhood Revitalization Act. ([HB 2470](#))
- Water diversions and posting. ([HB 2477](#))
- Defining teacher and paraprofessional for the Education Opportunity Scholarship Program. ([HB 2487](#))
- Ag production on state-owned property. ([HB 2511](#))
- Kansas Open Records Act exceptions. ([HB 2519](#))

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Other

- Creating the crime and punishments for sexual extortion. ([HB 2537](#)).
- Eudora Community Library District. ([HB 2539](#))
- Standard nonforfeiture law for deferred annuities. ([HB 2540](#))
- Requiring the Kansas Sentencing Commission to submit presentence reports. ([HB 2552](#))
- Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children. ([HB 2557](#))
- Public bids for construction and an increased threshold for public process. ([HB 2571](#))
- Cybersecurity services for state government and oversight. ([HB 2574](#))
- Rural Kansas Attorney Training Program. ([HB 2595](#))
- Creation of portable benefit plans. ([HB 2602](#))
- Reports to the board of education. ([HB 2618](#))
- Protest petition requirement for municipal lease-purchase agreements. ([HB 2622](#))
- Disorganization of a fire district. ([HB 2624](#))
- Protection for pregnancy centers and creating a private cause of action. ([HB 2635](#)) **
- Property tax appeals process for mobile homes and residential property if the increase exceeds five percent each year for five years. ([HB 2644](#))
- Dissolution of cities of a third class. ([HB 2711](#))
- Requiring elected officials to be residents of their district. ([HB 2733](#))
- Taxpayer Agreement Act for approver alternative financing. ([HB 2737](#))
- Driving Under the Influence and certain factors considered by the courts. ([HB 2747](#))
- Establishing legal tender for gold and silver. ([HB 2515](#))
- Income Tax; Homestead Property Tax, Senior Relief and Armed Forces. ([HB 2044](#))
- Property Tax Protest Petition; continuing reimbursements from the Taxpayer Fund for five years. ([HB 2043](#))
- Requiring schools to provide recess and the Presidential Fitness Test. ([HB 2763](#))
- Reconciliation bill. ([HB 2029](#))
- Taxation; Apportionment of business income for alcoholic liquor manufacturers. ([SB 300](#))
- Crimes and Punishments related to adding mitagynin to the Schedule I drug list ([SB 430](#)).
- Taxation: Lockable gun storage, alternative-fuel tax, child care and daycare tax services. ([SB 82](#))
- Exempting agritourism from local code. ([HB 2111](#))
- Increasing penalties for endangering a child under six years of age. ([HB 2412](#))
- Requiring insurers and agents to respond to the Insurance Commissioner within 14 days. ([HB 2043](#))

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LEGISLATION NOT PASSED IN 2026

Some of the bills that did not pass during the 2026 session but could come up again when the legislature returns in January 2027.

Health/Hospitals

- Protections for 340B Contract Pharmacies. ([SB 284](#))
- Duplication of Hospital Price Transparency at the state level. ([HB 2246](#))
- Requiring hospitals to screen all patients for eligibility under charity care policies before billing. ([HB 2736](#))
- Prior Authorization Reform. ([SB 330](#))
- Requiring hospitals to use surgical smoke plume evacuation systems for certain surgical procedures. ([SB 475](#))
- Eliminating property tax exemptions for non-profit health care in a county or an adjacent county with similar for-profit services ([HB 2457](#)).
- Prohibiting health care providers from prescribing medication, administering diagnostic tests or conducting ongoing behavioral health treatments for minors, except in certain circumstances. ([HB 2508](#))
- Increasing the personal needs allowance for residents in nursing facilities receiving long-term care. ([HB 2548](#))
- Capping the fees that a health care provider may charge to furnish health care records. ([HB 2683](#))

Insurance

- Requiring specific financial reports from legislators regarding the passage of certain health insurance legislation and its impact on premiums. ([HB 2703](#))
- Eliminating cost sharing for diagnostic and supplemental breast examinations for breast cancer. ([SB 409](#)).
- Artificial Intelligence in utilization review. ([SB 467](#))
- Regarding the use of step therapy for prescription medication. ([HB 2526](#))
- Regarding health insurance coverage for pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome and pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections. ([HB 2549](#)).
- Health insurance coverage for prosthetic and orthotic devices. ([HB 2566](#))
- Mandated health coverage for pain management services. ([HB 2668](#))
- Providing health insurance coverage for insulin and devices. ([HB 2684](#))
- Requiring managed care organizations to provide an explanation of benefits to Children's Health Insurance Program and KanCare enrollees. ([HB 2730](#))
- Enacting the Patient's Right to Save Act and establishing shared savings programs. ([HB 2735](#))
- Health Care Stabilization Funds investment fund authority. ([HB 2770](#))

Vaccines/Infectious Disease

- Prohibiting the denial of an individual's access to certain services based on an individual's medical condition. ([SB 522](#))

Medicaid

- Quarterly redeterminations of Medicaid populations. ([SB 363](#))
- Prohibiting termination of certain clinical service contracts for managed care organizations. ([HB 2753](#))

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Licensure/Scope/Provider Definitions

- Providing for the licensure of anesthesiologist assistants. ([HB 2368/SB 464](#))
- Expanding the scope of practice of naturopathic doctors. ([HB 2366](#))

Pharmacy

- Authorizing over-the-counter purchase of ivermectin and hydroxychloroquine tablets. ([HB 2429](#))
- Enacting the Defense of Drug Delivery Act to prohibit manufacturer interference in 340B drug distribution. ([SB 284](#))
- Enacting the Opioid Patients' Right to Know Act, which requires a health care provider to disclose the risks of prescribed opioid use. ([HB 2694](#))
- Enhancing oversight of psychotropic drug prescriptions for children receiving medical assistance and requiring the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to report adverse drug reactions to the online reporting system. ([HB 2695](#))
- Creating and updating the Unused Medications Act and allowing the Kansas Board of Pharmacy to adopt rules and regulations. ([HB 2785](#))
- Creating a right for an adult care home resident to use a pharmacy of their choice. ([HB 2718](#))

Other

- Permitting health care professionals to refuse to provide transgender services if doing so violates the health care professional's conscience. ([HB 2741](#))
- Requiring medical professionals to report suspicions of child abuse or neglect, outlining additional reporting by medical staff to caregivers and permitting parents to request a second opinion after a Client Assessment, Referral and Evaluation Exam. ([HB 2742](#))
- Prohibiting counsel from suggesting an amount to award as damages for noneconomic loss in civil actions. ([SB 413](#)).
- Allowing a chiropractor to evaluate and provide written clearance for a school athlete to be removed from concussion protocol. ([HB 2531](#))
- Establishing an impaired provider program and expanding the grounds for disciplinary action under the Kansas Nurse Practice Act. ([HB 2532](#)).