

Journal of the House

TWELFTH DAY

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TOPEKA, KS, Wednesday, January 28, 2026, 11:00 a.m.

The House met pursuant to adjournment with Speaker Hawkins in the chair.

The roll was called with 123 members present.

Reps. Alcala and Winn were excused on excused absence by the Speaker.

Excused later: Rep. Helgerson.

Present later: Alcala.

Prayer by Chaplain Holmes:

Dear Father: Thank You for these gathered here to help make Kansas an even better place to live. I pray Your wisdom to guide every decision made in this chamber today.

Your Word says, “This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.” At times, this can be difficult, especially when our personal values conflict with others. Help us strive to be on the side of what is best for the good people of Kansas.

I pray for Your protection upon all our Representatives as they navigate the cold, and at times dangerous weather visiting our State. I also ask for your protection on the families of each representative.

Amidst the chaos and confusion gripping parts of our Nation, I ask for the peace of almighty God to prevail. Allow stability and civility to be exercised by all struggling with frustration and anxiety. In Jesus Name I pray. Amen

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rep. Bohi.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

There being no objection, the following remarks of Rep. McNorton are spread upon the Journal:

Standing in front of you today is a group of outstanding young ladies. They have accomplished something that very few athletes have earned the right so say, WE are the Kansas 3A State Volleyball Champions!

Head coach Sarah Johnson led the team to an almost perfect record, winning 46 matches while only losing one all year to a 5A school. They were undefeated champions of the Big East League; 3-0 in mid-season tournaments; Regional Champions and Sub-State Champions. They also broke the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame record for most team assists in a season.

This is the tenth time in the program history that the Silver Lake volleyball team has won the State title. With the addition of this latest volleyball State title, this will bring the total to 70 State championships won by Silver Lake teams in their very long history of excellence.

Along with assistant coaches and other teammates in the gallery, the team standing here today is representing all the staff and students of Silver Lake High School.

- Paige Heiman
- Paige Winsor
- Lexi Neufeld
- Jaiden Wise
- Kylie Hanni
- Jaylie Whitehead
- Karys Deiter
- Kinley Weber
- Lila Day
- Coach, Sarah Johnson

Please join me in recognizing these young student/athletes.

Rep. McNorton presented the team with a framed House certificate in honor of their accomplishments.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

There being no objection, the following remarks of Rep. Chauncey are spread upon the Journal:

Kansas Wesleyan University enters its 9th year in Collegiate DECA. Collegiate DECA is comprised of 110 universities and institutions, worldwide. In Kansas, there are 9 total DECA chapters, from junior colleges, to Kansas Board of Regents schools such as The University of Kansas and Wichita State University.

DECA provides students with a unique competitive advantage before joining the workforce. Through DECA, students develop the skill-set of: professional writing, business research, case study improvisation, creating and designing visually appealing slideshows, professional communication, all while enhancing industry-specific skills.

Over the past 5 years, KWU DECA has had remarkable success at both the state competition and international competition. Typically carrying a team roster of about 12 students, KWU DECA has had 98% of its students place Top 10 in the world in their respective events. At the international competition, placing in the Top 3 is monumental; KWU DECA has had 33% of its competitors place 3rd in the World, almost 29% place 2nd in the World, and 36% crowned World Champions.

There are lots of strategies KWU DECA uses to achieve this success; but the one we are willing to share is preparation. Some weeks it is light work, where students can

spend an hour or so, and other weeks, students spend over 12 hours to finish a major DECA project. Our consistency in preparedness is what helps set them apart from others.

Those in attendance include:

- Paige Chauncey and Clay Gagnon – 1st Sports Marketing 2025
- Delanie McMullen and Shelby Davidson – 1st Event Planning 2025
- Oriana Botz – 1st Marketing Communication 2025; 2nd Marketing Communication 2024
- Courtney Auld – 3rd Entertainment Marketing 2024

Also in attendance are Jordan Grimes, Maddie McVey, Michelle Case and Trisha Petak.

Rep. Chauncey provided each of his guests with a framed House certificate in honor of their accomplishments.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

HB 2568, AN ACT concerning administrative rules and regulations; relating to the department of wildlife and parks; authorizing the adoption of certain rules and regulations related to fees, registrations and other charges by the department, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

HB 2569, AN ACT concerning elections; relating to actions challenging the constitutionality of state laws governing elections; requiring such actions to be brought in the district court of Shawnee county, by Committee on Elections.

HB 2570, AN ACT concerning sales taxation; relating to exemptions; providing an exemption for certain purchases by O'Connell children's shelter, inc.; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 79-3606 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Taxation.

HB 2571, AN ACT concerning municipalities; relating to road maintenance; requiring cost-sharing agreements between municipalities for the maintenance of shared roads; amending K.S.A. 68-169 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Local Government.

HB 2572, AN ACT concerning taxation; relating to sales and compensating use tax; providing for a sales tax exemption for purchases made to establish and maintain Kansas war memorials; relating to property tax; providing for an exemption for Kansas war memorials; amending K.S.A. 79-201 and K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 79-3606 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Taxation.

HB 2573, AN ACT concerning the Kansas board of accountancy; relating to licensure requirements for certified public accountants; amending K.S.A. 1-202, 1-301, 1-302a, 1-302b, 1-307, 1-310, 1-321 and 1-322 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

HB 2574, AN ACT concerning cybersecurity; relating to consolidation of cybersecurity services; modifying the duties of the chief information security officers for each branch of government, removing maturity requirements for cybersecurity programs; requiring periodic audits of such programs; creating the judicial branch technology oversight council; requiring the executive branch chief information security officer to assess executive branch agencies for compliance with cybersecurity standards and report findings to the legislature; providing for consideration of cybersecurity

compliance during the budgeting process; modifying the membership and duties of the information technology executive council; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 40-110, 75-413, 75-623, 75-710, 75-711, 75-7202, 75-7203, 75-7206a, 75-7208a, 75-7237, 75-7238, 75-7239, 75-7240, 75-7245 and 75-7246 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 75-7203, as amended by section 21 of chapter 95 of the 2024 Session Laws of Kansas, and 75-7205, as amended by section 23 of chapter 95 of the 2024 Session Laws of Kansas and K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 75-7201, as amended by section 17 of chapter 95 of the 2024 Session Laws of Kansas, 75-7202, as amended by section 19 of chapter 95 of the 2024 Session Laws of Kansas, 75-7206, as amended by section 25 of chapter 95 of the 2024 Session Laws of Kansas, 75-7208, as amended by section 27 of chapter 95 of the 2024 Session Laws of Kansas, 75-7209, as amended by section 29 of chapter 95 of the 2024 Session Laws of Kansas, 75-7237, as amended by section 31 of chapter 95 of the 2024 Session Laws of Kansas, 75-7238, as amended by section 33 of chapter 95 of the 2024 Session Laws of Kansas, 75-7239, as amended by section 35 of chapter 95 of the 2024 Session Laws of Kansas, and 75-7240, as amended by section 37 of chapter 95 of the 2024 Session Laws of Kansas, by Committee on Joint Committee on Information Technology.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to committees as indicated:

Appropriations: **HB 2555**.

Child Welfare and Foster Care: **HB 2557**.

Corrections and Juvenile Justice: **HB 2552**.

Education: **HB 2565**.

Federal and State Affairs: **HB 2567**.

Health and Human Services: **HB 2548, HB 2562, HB 2563**.

Higher Education Budget: **HB 2560, HB 2561**.

Insurance: **HB 2549, HB 2550, HB 2551, HB 2556, HB 2564, HB 2566**.

Taxation: **HB 2559**.

Transportation: **HB 2553, HB 2554**.

Water: **HB 2558**.

CHANGE OF REFERENCE

Speaker Hawkins announced the withdrawal of **SB 284, HB 2009, HB 2010, HB 2328, HB 2375** from Committee on Interstate Cooperation and referral to Committee on Health and Human Services.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

The Senate adopts the Conference Committee report on **HB 2347**.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS OFFERED ON A PREVIOUS DAY

On motion of Rep. Estes, **HR 6022**, A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the members of the 2026 Kansas Teacher of the Year team, was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

There being no objection, the following remarks of Rep. Estes are spread upon the Journal:

Across Kansas teachers get up early in the morning and head to school to our children, our students. One could argue that those students are our most important Kansans as they are our future. Today we celebrate those who have gone above and beyond to impact our students. A teacher's heart is very special and we appreciate all they do to support our kids.

We congratulate:

- Rachel Marlow, Olathe Public Schools the 2026 Kansas Teacher of the Year.

We also congratulate the Regional Kansas Teachers of the Year:

- Lauren Sage, Kansas City Public Schools
- Tranda Strnad, Belleville Public Schools
- Susan Rogers, Derby Public Schools
- Tracie Betz, Quinter Public Schools
- Jason Peters, Hesston Public Schools
- Julie Smith, Santa Fe Trails Public Schools
- Troy St. Clair, Topeka Public Schools

FINAL ACTION ON BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

HB 2413, AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; relating to theft; providing that theft of livestock or implements of husbandry is a severity level 5, nonperson felony; allowing for the forfeiture of certain property used in the commission of theft of an implement of husbandry; amending K.S.A. 21-5801 and 22-4807a and repealing the existing sections, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 120; Nays 3; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 2.

Yeas: Amyx, Anderson, Awerkamp, Ballard, Barrett, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Boatman, Bohi, Borjon, Brantley, Paige, Brunk, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Caiharr, Carlin, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Chauncey, Collins, Corbet, Croft, Curtis, Delperdang, Droge, Ellis, Esau, Essex, Estes, Fairchild, Featherston, Francis, Gardner, Goddard, Goetz, Haskins, Hawkins, Helgerson, Helwig, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Hoye, Huebert, Humphries, James, T. Johnson, Kessler, King, Lewis, Long, Martinez, McDonald, McNorton, Melton, Meyer, Minnix, Moser, Mosley, Neelly, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Pickert, Pishny, Poetter, Poskin, Proctor, Rahjes, Reavis, Resman, Rhiley, Roeser, Roth, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Sanders, Sappington, Sawyer, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schmoe, Schreiber, Schwertfeger, Seiwert, Simmons, Smith, A., Smith, C., Steele, Stiens, Stogsdill, Sutton, Sweely, Tarwater, Turk, Turner, VanHouden, Vaughn, Waggoner, Ward, Wasinger, Waymaster, Weigel, White, Wikle, Wilborn, Willcott, Williams, K., Williams, L., Wilson, Wolf,

Woodard, Xu.

Nays: Bergkamp, Carmichael, Carr.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Alcalá, Winn.

The bill passed.

HB 2422, AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; relating to theft; providing that theft of grain is a severity level 6, nonperson felony; amending K.S.A. 21-5801 and repealing the existing section, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 123; Nays 0; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 2.

Yeas: Amyx, Anderson, Awerkamp, Ballard, Barrett, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Boatman, Bohi, Borjon, Brantley, Paige, Brunk, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Caiharr, Carlin, Carmichael, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Carr, Chauncey, Collins, Corbet, Croft, Curtis, Delperdang, Droge, Ellis, Esau, Essex, Estes, Fairchild, Featherston, Francis, Gardner, Goddard, Goetz, Haskins, Hawkins, Helgerson, Helwig, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Hoyer, Huebert, Humphries, James, T. Johnson, Kessler, King, Lewis, Long, Martinez, McDonald, McNorton, Melton, Meyer, Minnix, Moser, Mosley, Neely, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Pickert, Pishny, Poetter, Poskin, Proctor, Rahjes, Reavis, Resman, Rhiley, Roeser, Roth, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Sanders, Sappington, Sawyer, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schmoie, Schreiber, Schwertfeger, Seiwert, Simmons, Smith, A., Smith, C., Steele, Stiens, Stogsdill, Sutton, Sweely, Tarwater, Turk, Turner, VanHouden, Vaughn, Waggoner, Ward, Wasinger, Waymaster, Weigel, White, Wickle, Wilborn, Willcott, Williams, K., Williams, L., Wilson, Wolf, Woodard, Xu.

Nays: None.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Alcalá, Winn.

The bill passed.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. SPEAKER and MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee on conference on Senate amendments to **HB 2347** submits the following report:

The House accedes to all Senate amendments to the bill, and your committee on conference further agrees to amend the bill as printed with Senate Committee amendments, as follows:

On page 1, following line 8, by inserting:

"New Section 1. (a) On or before July 1, 2027, the attorney general, in consultation with the office of judicial administration, shall approve one or more educational or treatment programs regarding commercial sexual exploitation for use under K.S.A. 21-5426, 21-6421, 21-6422 and 22-2909, and amendments thereto, and as otherwise permitted by law.

(b) (1) In accordance with the provisions of the rules and regulations filing act, K.S.A. 77-415 et seq., and amendments thereto, the attorney general shall adopt, amend and revoke rules and regulations governing the educational or treatment programs described in subsection (a), including, but not limited to:

- (A) Criteria for the evaluation, approval and monitoring of such programs;
- (B) any form required to implement such programs;
- (C) any requirements for staff who will be directly providing services to clients of such programs; and
- (D) any report, record or other information that may be required to be kept and maintained by such programs.

(2) On or before January 1, 2027, the attorney general shall adopt rules and regulations required for the approval and operation of the educational or treatment programs described in subsection (a).

New Sec. 2. (a) Unlawful use of a laser pointer is knowingly directing light from a laser pointer at:

(1) A law enforcement officer while such officer is engaged in the performance of such officer's duties; or

(2) an aircraft in flight or the flight path of an aircraft.

(b) Unlawful use of a laser pointer as defined in:

(1) Subsection (a)(1) is a class A person misdemeanor; and

(2) subsection (a)(2) is a severity level 9, person felony.

(c) The provisions of subsection (a)(2) shall not apply to:

(1) Any person who is authorized by an aircraft manufacturer or the federal aviation administration to conduct research and development or flight test operations while such person is conducting research and development or flight test operations;

(2) members or elements of the department of defense or department of homeland security acting in an official capacity for the purpose of research, development, operations, testing or training; or

(3) an individual using a laser emergency signaling device to send an emergency distress signal.

(d) As used in this section, "laser pointer" means a device that emits light amplified by the stimulated emission of radiation that is visible to the human eye.

(e) A person who violates the provisions of this section may also be prosecuted for, convicted of and punished for assault or battery.

(f) This section shall be a part of and supplemental to the Kansas criminal code.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 12-4106 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-4106. (a) The municipal judge shall have the power to administer the oaths and enforce all orders, rules and judgments made by such municipal judge, and may fine or imprison for contempt in the same manner and to the same extent as a judge of the district court.

(b) The municipal judge shall have the power to hear and determine all cases properly brought before such municipal judge to: Grant continuances; sentence those found guilty to a fine or confinement in jail, or both; commit accused persons to jail in default of bond; determine applications for parole; release on probation; grant time in

which a fine may be paid; correct a sentence; suspend imposition of a sentence; set aside a judgment; permit time for post trial motions; and discharge accused persons.

(c) The municipal judge shall maintain a docket in which every cause commenced before such municipal judge shall be entered. Such docket shall contain the names of the accused persons and complainant, the nature or character of the offense, the date of trial, the names of all witnesses sworn and examined, the finding of the court, the judgment and sentence, the date of payment, the date of issuing commitment, if any, and every other fact necessary to show the full proceedings in each case.

(d) The municipal judge shall promptly make such reports and furnish the information requested by any departmental justice or the judicial administrator, in the manner and form prescribed by the supreme court.

(e) The municipal judge shall ensure that information concerning dispositions of city ordinance violations that result in convictions comparable to convictions for offenses under Kansas criminal statutes is forwarded to the Kansas bureau of investigation central repository. This information shall be transmitted, on a form or in a format approved by the attorney general, within 30 days of final disposition.

(f) In all cases alleging a violation of a city ordinance prohibiting the acts prohibited by K.S.A. 8-2,144, 8-1567, 21-6419 or 32-1131 ~~or K.S.A. 21-6419 or 21-6421~~, and amendments thereto, the municipal court judge shall ensure that the municipal court ~~reports the filing and disposition of such case to the Kansas bureau of investigation central repository, and, on and after July 1, 2014,~~ reports the filing and disposition of such case electronically to the Kansas bureau of investigation central repository.

(g) In all cases in which a fine is imposed for a violation of a city ordinance prohibiting the acts prohibited by K.S.A. 8-2,144 or 8-1567 ~~or K.S.A. 21-6421~~, and amendments thereto, the municipal court judge shall ensure that the municipal court remits the appropriate amount of such fine to the state treasurer as provided in K.S.A. 12-4120, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 12-4120 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-4120. (a) ~~On and after July 1, 2012,~~ The amount of \$250 from each fine imposed for a violation of a city ordinance prohibiting the acts prohibited by K.S.A. 8-1567 or 8-2,144, and amendments thereto, shall be remitted by the judge or clerk of the municipal court to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall credit the entire amount to the community corrections supervision fund established by K.S.A. 75-52,113, and amendments thereto.

(b) ~~One half of each fine imposed for a violation of a city ordinance prohibiting the acts prohibited by K.S.A. 21-6421, and amendments thereto, shall be remitted by the judge or clerk of the municipal court to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto, and the remainder shall be remitted as otherwise permitted by law. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall credit the entire amount to the human trafficking victim assistance fund established by K.S.A. 75-758, and amendments thereto.~~

(c) ~~On and after July 1, 2017,~~ The amount of \$20 from each fine imposed for a violation of a city ordinance requiring the use of safety belts for those individuals required by K.S.A. 8-2503(a)(1), and amendments thereto, shall be remitted by the judge or clerk of the municipal court to the state treasurer in accordance with the

provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall credit the entire amount to the seat belt safety fund established by K.S.A. 8-1,181, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 5. K.S.A. 12-4416 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-4416. (a) A diversion agreement shall provide that if the defendant fulfills the obligations of the program described therein, as determined by the city attorney, the city attorney shall act to have the criminal charges against the defendant dismissed with prejudice. The diversion agreement shall include specifically the waiver of all rights under the law or the constitution of Kansas or of the United States to counsel, a speedy arraignment, a speedy trial, and the right to trial by jury. The diversion agreement may include, but is not limited to, provisions concerning payment of restitution, including court costs and diversion costs, residence in a specified facility, maintenance of gainful employment, and participation in programs offering medical, educational, vocational, social and psychological services, corrective and preventive guidance and other rehabilitative services. The diversion agreement shall state:

- (1) The defendant's full name;
 - (2) the defendant's full name at the time the complaint was filed, if different from the defendant's current name;
 - (3) the defendant's sex, race and date of birth;
 - (4) the crime with which the defendant is charged;
 - (5) the date the complaint was filed; and
 - (6) the municipal court with which the agreement is filed.
- (b) ~~If a diversion agreement is entered into in lieu of further criminal proceedings on a complaint alleging a violation of a city ordinance prohibiting the acts prohibited by K.S.A. 21-6421, and amendments thereto, the agreement:~~

~~(1) Shall include a requirement that the defendant pay a fine specified by the agreement in an amount equal to an amount authorized by K.S.A. 21-6421, and amendments thereto; and~~

~~(2) may include a requirement that the defendant enter into and complete a suitable educational or treatment program regarding commercial sexual exploitation.~~

~~(c) If a diversion agreement is entered into in lieu of further criminal proceedings on a complaint alleging an alcohol related offense, the diversion agreement shall include a stipulation, agreed to by the defendant and the city attorney, of the facts upon which the charge is based and a provision that if the defendant fails to fulfill the terms of the specific diversion agreement and the criminal proceedings on the complaint are resumed, the proceedings, including any proceedings on appeal, shall be conducted on the record of the stipulation of facts relating to the complaint. In addition, the agreement shall include a requirement that the defendant:~~

~~(1) Pay a fine specified by the agreement in an amount equal to an amount authorized by K.S.A. 8-1567, and amendments thereto, for a first offense or, in lieu of payment of the fine, perform community service specified by the agreement, consonant with K.S.A. 8-1567, and amendments thereto; and~~

~~(2) participate in an alcohol and drug evaluation conducted by a licensed provider pursuant to K.S.A. 8-1008, and amendments thereto, and follow any recommendation made by the provider after such evaluation.~~

~~(d)(c) If the person entering into a diversion agreement is a nonresident, the city attorney shall transmit a copy of the diversion agreement to the division. The division~~

shall forward a copy of the diversion agreement to the motor vehicle administrator of the person's state of residence.

~~(e)~~(d) If the city attorney elects to offer diversion in lieu of further criminal proceedings on the complaint and the defendant agrees to all of the terms of the proposed agreement, the diversion agreement shall be filed with the municipal court and the municipal court shall stay further proceedings on the complaint. If the defendant declines to accept diversion, the municipal court shall resume the criminal proceedings on the complaint.

~~(f)~~(e) The city attorney shall forward to the division of vehicles of the state department of revenue a copy of the diversion agreement at the time such agreement is filed with the municipal court. The copy of the agreement shall be made available upon request to any county, district or city attorney or court.

Sec. 6. K.S.A. 21-5426 is hereby amended to read as follows: 21-5426. (a) Human trafficking is:

(1) Except as provided in subsection (b)(4) and (5), the intentional recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud or coercion for the purpose of subjecting the person to involuntary servitude or forced labor;

(2) intentionally ~~benefiting~~ benefiting financially or by receiving anything of value from participation in a venture that the person has reason to know has engaged in acts set forth in subsection (a)(1);

(3) knowingly coercing employment by obtaining or maintaining labor or services that are performed or provided by another person through any of the following:

- (A) Causing or threatening to cause physical injury to any person;
- (B) physically restraining or threatening to physically restrain another person;
- (C) abusing or threatening to abuse the law or legal process;
- (D) threatening to withhold food, lodging or clothing; or
- (E) knowingly destroying, concealing, removing, confiscating or possessing any actual or purported government identification document of another person; or

(4) knowingly holding another person in a condition of peonage in satisfaction of a debt owed the person who is holding such other person.

(b) Aggravated human trafficking is:

(1) Human trafficking, as defined in subsection (a), involving the commission or attempted commission of kidnapping, as defined in K.S.A. 21-5408(a), and amendments thereto;

(2) human trafficking, as defined in subsection (a), committed in whole or in part for the purpose of the sexual gratification of the defendant or another;

(3) human trafficking, as defined in subsection (a), resulting in a death;

(4) recruiting, harboring, transporting, providing or obtaining, by any means, a child knowing that the child, with or without force, fraud, threat or coercion, will be used to engage in:

- (A) Forced labor;
- (B) involuntary servitude; or
- (C) sexual gratification of the defendant or another involving the exchange of anything of value; or

(5) hiring a child by giving, or offering or agreeing to give, anything of value to any person, to engage in manual or other bodily contact stimulation of the genitals of

any person with the intent to arouse or gratify the sexual desires of the offender or another, sexual intercourse, sodomy or any unlawful sexual act, and the offender recklessly disregards the age of the child.

(c) (1) Human trafficking is a severity level 2, person felony.

(2) Aggravated human trafficking is a severity level 1, person felony, except as provided in subsection (c)(3).

(3) Aggravated human trafficking or attempt, conspiracy or criminal solicitation to commit aggravated human trafficking is an off-grid person felony, when the offender is 18 years of age or older and the victim is less than 14 years of age.

(4) In addition to any other sentence imposed, a person convicted under subsection (c)(1) shall be fined not less than \$2,500 nor more than \$5,000. In addition to any other sentence imposed, a person convicted under subsection (c)(2) or (c)(3) shall be fined not less than \$5,000. All fines collected pursuant to this section shall be remitted to the human trafficking victim assistance fund created by K.S.A. 75-758, and amendments thereto.

(5) In addition to any other sentence imposed, for any conviction under this section;

(A) Occurring prior to July 1, 2027, the court may order the person convicted to enter into and complete a suitable educational or treatment program regarding commercial sexual exploitation of a child; and

(B) occurring on or after July 1, 2027, the court may order the person convicted to enter into and complete an educational or treatment program approved by the attorney general pursuant to section 1, and amendments thereto, regarding commercial sexual exploitation.

(d) If the offender is 18 years of age or older and the victim is less than 14 years of age, the provisions of:

(1) K.S.A. 21-5301(c), and amendments thereto, shall not apply to a violation of attempting to commit the crime of aggravated human trafficking pursuant to this section;

(2) K.S.A. 21-5302(d), and amendments thereto, shall not apply to a violation of conspiracy to commit the crime of aggravated human trafficking pursuant to this section; and

(3) K.S.A. 21-5303(d), and amendments thereto, shall not apply to a violation of criminal solicitation to commit the crime of aggravated human trafficking pursuant to this section.

(e) It shall be an affirmative defense to any prosecution under subsection (b)(4) or (5) that the defendant:

(1) Was under 18 years of age at the time of the violation; and

(2) committed the violation because such defendant, at the time of the violation, was subjected to human trafficking or aggravated human trafficking, as defined by this section.

(f) It shall not be a defense to a charge of aggravated human trafficking, as defined in subsection (b)(4) or (5), that:

(1) The victim consented or willingly participated in the forced labor, involuntary servitude or sexual gratification of the defendant or another; or

(2) the offender had no knowledge of the age of the victim.

(g) A person who violates the provisions of this section may also be prosecuted for,

convicted of, and punished for commercial sexual exploitation of a child, as defined by K.S.A. 21-6422, and amendments thereto, or for any form of homicide.

(h) The provisions of this section shall not apply to the use of the labor of any person incarcerated in a state or county correctional facility or city jail.

(i) As used in this section:

(1) "Child" means a person under 18 years of age; and

(2) "peonage" means a condition of involuntary servitude in which the victim is forced to work for another person by the use or threat of physical restraint or physical injury, or by the use or threat of coercion through law or the legal process.";

On page 2, in line 31, by striking "2024"; in line 32, by striking "Supp."; following line 40, by inserting:

"Sec. 8. K.S.A. 21-5828 is hereby amended to read as follows: 21-5828. (a) Criminal use of a financial card or gift card is any of the following acts done with intent to defraud and to obtain money, goods, property or services:

(1) Using a financial card without the consent of the cardholder;

(2) using a financial card, or the number or description thereof, which has been revoked or canceled; ~~or~~

(3) using a falsified, mutilated, altered or nonexistent financial card or a number or description thereof;

(4) acquiring or retaining possession of a gift card or gift card redemption information without the consent of the cardholder, gift card issuer or gift card seller; or
(5) altering or tampering with a gift card.

(b) Criminal use of a financial card or gift card is a:

(1) Severity level 7, nonperson felony if the money, goods, property or services obtained within any seven-day period are of the value of \$25,000 or more;

(2) severity level 9, nonperson felony if the money, goods, property or services obtained within any seven-day period are of the value of at least \$1,000 but less than \$25,000; and

(3) class A nonperson misdemeanor if the money, goods, property or services obtained within a seven-day period are of the value of less than \$1,000.

(c) As used in this section:

(1) "Cardholder" means:

(A) The person or entity to whom or for whose benefit a financial card is issued; or

(B) the person to whom a physical or virtual gift card is issued or any person who has agreed with the card issuer to pay obligations arising from the issuance of a gift card to another person;

(2) "closed-loop gift card" means a card, code or device that is issued to a consumer on a prepaid basis primarily for personal, family or household purposes in a specified amount, regardless of whether that amount may be increased or reloaded in exchange for payment, and is redeemable upon presentation by a consumer at a single merchant or group of affiliated merchants;

(3) "financial card" means an identification card, plate, instrument, device or number issued by a business organization authorizing the cardholder to purchase, lease or otherwise obtain money, goods, property or services or to conduct other financial transactions; and

(2) "cardholder" means the person or entity to whom or for whose benefit a financial card is issued

(4) "gift card" means a physical or digital closed-loop gift card or open-loop gift card that is either activated or inactivated;

(5) "gift card issuer" means any person that issues a gift card or the agent of that person with respect to such card;

(6) "gift card redemption information" means information unique to each gift card that allows the cardholder to access, transfer or spend the funds on such gift card;

(7) "gift card seller" means a merchant that is engaged in the business of selling gift cards to consumers; and

(8) "open-loop gift card" means a card, code or device that is issued to a consumer on a prepaid basis primarily for personal, family or household purposes in a specified amount, regardless of whether that amount may be increased or reloaded in exchange for payment, and is redeemable upon presentation at multiple unaffiliated merchants for goods or services within the payment card network.

(d) For the purposes of subsection (a)(2), a financial card shall be deemed canceled or revoked when notice in writing thereof has been received by the named holder thereof as shown on such financial card or by the records of the company.

Sec. 9. K.S.A. 21-6421 is hereby amended to read as follows: 21-6421. (a) Buying sexual relations is knowingly:

(1) Entering or remaining in a place where sexual relations are being sold or offered for sale with intent to engage in manual or other bodily contact stimulation of the genitals of any person with the intent to arouse or gratify the sexual desires of the offender or another, sexual intercourse, sodomy or any unlawful sexual act with a person selling sexual relations who is 18 years of age or older; or

(2) hiring a person selling sexual relations who is 18 years of age or older to engage in manual or other bodily contact stimulation of the genitals of any person with the intent to arouse or gratify the sexual desires of the offender or another, sexual intercourse, sodomy or any unlawful sexual act.

(b) (1) Buying sexual relations is a:

~~(A) Class A person misdemeanor, except as provided in subsection (b)(1)(B); and~~

~~(B) severity level 9, person felony when committed by a person who has, prior to the commission of the crime, been convicted of a violation of this section, or any prior version of this section.~~

(2) In addition to any other sentence imposed, a person convicted under this section shall be fined not less than ~~\$1,200~~ \$2,000 nor more than \$5,000. One-half of all fines collected pursuant to this section shall be remitted to the human trafficking victim assistance fund created by K.S.A. 75-758, and amendments thereto, and the remainder shall be remitted as otherwise provided by law.

(3) In addition to any other sentence imposed, for any conviction under this section,;

(A) Occurring prior to July 1, 2027, the court may shall order the person convicted to enter into and complete a suitable educational or treatment program regarding commercial sexual exploitation; and

(B) occurring on or after July 1, 2027, the court shall order the person convicted to enter into and complete an educational or treatment program approved by the attorney general pursuant to section 1, and amendments thereto, regarding commercial sexual exploitation.

~~(c) (1) For the purpose of determining whether a conviction is a first, second or~~

subsequent conviction in sentencing under this section:

~~(1) Convictions for a violation of this section, or any prior version of this section, or a violation of an ordinance of any city or resolution of any county which prohibits the acts that this section prohibits, or entering into a diversion agreement in lieu of further criminal proceedings on a complaint alleging any such violations, shall be taken into account; and~~

~~(2) A person may enter into a diversion agreement in lieu of further criminal proceedings for a violation of this section or an ordinance which prohibits the acts of this section only once during the person's lifetime.~~

(2) A person shall not enter into a diversion agreement in lieu of further criminal proceedings for a violation of this section if such person has entered into a diversion agreement for a violation of an ordinance that prohibits the acts prohibited by this section that occurred prior to July 1, 2026.

~~(d) (1) Nothing contained in this section shall be construed as preventing any city from enacting ordinances, or any county from adopting resolutions, declaring acts prohibited or made unlawful by this act as unlawful or prohibited in such city or county and prescribing penalties for violation thereof.~~

~~(2) The minimum penalty prescribed by any such ordinance or resolution shall not be less than the minimum penalty prescribed by this section for the same violation, and the maximum penalty in any such ordinance or resolution shall not exceed the maximum penalty prescribed for the same violation.~~

Sec. 10. K.S.A. 21-6422 is hereby amended to read as follows: 21-6422. (a) Commercial sexual exploitation of a child is knowingly:

(1) Hiring a person younger than 18 years of age by giving, or offering or agreeing to give, anything of value to any person, to engage in a manual or other bodily contact stimulation of the genitals of any person with the intent to arouse or gratify the sexual desires of the offender or another, sexual intercourse, sodomy or any unlawful sexual act;

(2) establishing, owning, maintaining or managing any property, whether real or personal, where sexual relations are being sold or offered for sale by a person younger than 18 years of age, or participating in the establishment, ownership, maintenance or management thereof; or

(3) permitting any property, whether real or personal, partially or wholly owned or controlled by the defendant to be used as a place where sexual relations are being sold or offered for sale by a person who is younger than 18 years of age.

(b) (1) Commercial sexual exploitation of a child is a:

(A) Severity level 4, person felony, except as provided in subsections (b)(1)(B) and (b)(2); and

(B) severity level 2, person felony when committed by a person who has, prior to the commission of the crime, been convicted of a violation of this section, except as provided in subsection (b)(2).

(2) Commercial sexual exploitation of a child or attempt, conspiracy or criminal solicitation to commit commercial sexual exploitation of a child is an off-grid person felony when the offender is 18 years of age or older and the victim is less than 14 years of age.

(3) In addition to any other sentence imposed, a person convicted under subsection (b)(1)(A) shall be fined not less than \$2,500 nor more than \$5,000. In addition to any

other sentence imposed, a person convicted under subsection (b)(1)(B) or (b)(2) shall be fined not less than \$5,000. All fines collected pursuant to this section shall be remitted to the human trafficking victim assistance fund created by K.S.A. 75-758, and amendments thereto.

(4) In addition to any other sentence imposed, for any conviction under this section;

(A) Occurring prior to July 1, 2027, the court may order the person convicted to enter into and complete a suitable educational or treatment program regarding commercial sexual exploitation of a child; and

(B) occurring on or after July 1, 2027, the court may order the person convicted to enter into and complete an educational or treatment program approved by the attorney general pursuant to section 1, and amendments thereto, regarding commercial sexual exploitation.

(c) If the offender is 18 years of age or older and the victim is less than 14 years of age, the provisions of:

(1) K.S.A. 21-5301(c), and amendments thereto, shall not apply to a violation of attempting to commit the crime of commercial sexual exploitation of a child pursuant to this section;

(2) K.S.A. 21-5302(d), and amendments thereto, shall not apply to a violation of conspiracy to commit the crime of commercial sexual exploitation of a child pursuant to this section; and

(3) K.S.A. 21-5303(d), and amendments thereto, shall not apply to a violation of criminal solicitation to commit the crime of commercial sexual exploitation of a child pursuant to this section.

Sec. 11. K.S.A. 22-2909 is hereby amended to read as follows: 22-2909. (a) (1) A diversion agreement shall provide that if the defendant fulfills the obligations of the program described therein, as determined by the attorney general or county or district attorney, such attorney shall act to have the criminal charges against the defendant dismissed with prejudice. The diversion agreement shall include specifically the waiver of all rights under the law or the constitution of Kansas or of the United States to a speedy arraignment, preliminary examinations and hearings, and a speedy trial, and in the case of diversion under subsection (c) waiver of the rights to counsel and trial by jury. The diversion agreement may include, but is not limited to, provisions concerning:

(A) Payment of restitution, including court costs and diversion costs;

(B) residence in a specified facility;

(C) maintenance of gainful employment;

(D) participation in programs offering medical, educational, vocational, social and psychological services, corrective and preventive guidance and other rehabilitative services; and

(E) supervision by the county or district attorney, or by court services or community correctional services pursuant to a memorandum of understanding entered into by the county or district attorney pursuant to K.S.A. 22-2907, and amendments thereto, including the diversion supervision fee and urinalysis costs described in K.S.A. 22-2907, and amendments thereto, when applicable.

(2) If a county creates a local fund under the property crime restitution and compensation act, a county or district attorney may require in all diversion agreements as a condition of diversion the payment of a diversion fee in an amount not to exceed

\$100. Such fees shall be deposited into the local fund and disbursed pursuant to recommendations of the local board under the property crime restitution and victims compensation act.

(3) If the attorney general enters into a diversion agreement:

(A) Any diversion costs or fees collected pursuant to such agreement shall be deposited in the fraud and abuse criminal prosecution fund established by K.S.A. 75-765, and amendments thereto; and

(B) the attorney general may enter into agreements with the appropriate county or district attorney or other appropriate parties regarding the supervision of conditions of such diversion agreement.

(b) The diversion agreement shall state:

(1) The defendant's full name;

(2) the defendant's full name at the time the complaint was filed, if different from the defendant's current name;

(3) the defendant's sex, race and date of birth;

(4) the crime with which the defendant is charged;

(5) the date the complaint was filed; and

(6) the district court with which the agreement is filed.

(c) If a diversion agreement is entered into in lieu of further criminal proceedings on a complaint alleging a violation of K.S.A. 8-1567, and amendments thereto, the diversion agreement shall include a stipulation, agreed to by the defendant, the defendant's attorney if the defendant is represented by an attorney and the attorney general or county or district attorney, of the facts upon which the charge is based and a provision that if the defendant fails to fulfill the terms of the specific diversion agreement and the criminal proceedings on the complaint are resumed, the proceedings, including any proceedings on appeal, shall be conducted on the record of the stipulation of facts relating to the complaint. In addition, the agreement shall include a requirement that the defendant:

(1) Pay a fine specified by the agreement in an amount equal to an amount authorized by K.S.A. 8-1567, and amendments thereto, for a first offense or, in lieu of payment of the fine, perform community service specified by the agreement, in accordance with K.S.A. 8-1567, and amendments thereto; and

(2) participate in an alcohol and drug evaluation conducted by a licensed provider pursuant to K.S.A. 8-1008, and amendments thereto, and follow any recommendation made by the provider after such evaluation.

(d) If a diversion agreement is entered into in lieu of further criminal proceedings on a complaint alleging a domestic violence offense, as defined in K.S.A. 21-5111, and amendments thereto, the diversion agreement shall include a requirement that the defendant undergo a domestic violence offender assessment and follow all recommendations unless otherwise agreed to with the prosecutor in the diversion agreement. The defendant shall be required to pay for such assessment and, unless otherwise agreed to with the prosecutor in the diversion agreement, for completion of all recommendations.

(e) If a diversion agreement is entered into in lieu of further criminal proceedings on a complaint alleging a violation other than K.S.A. 8-1567, and amendments thereto, the diversion agreement may include a stipulation, agreed to by the defendant, the defendant's attorney if the defendant is represented by an attorney and the attorney

general or county or district attorney, of the facts upon which the charge is based and a provision that if the defendant fails to fulfill the terms of the specific diversion agreement and the criminal proceedings on the complaint are resumed, the proceedings, including any proceedings on appeal, shall be conducted on the record of the stipulation of facts relating to the complaint.

(f) If the person entering into a diversion agreement is a nonresident, the attorney general or county or district attorney shall transmit a copy of the diversion agreement to the division. The division shall forward a copy of the diversion agreement to the motor vehicle administrator of the person's state of residence.

(g) If the attorney general or county or district attorney elects to offer diversion in lieu of further criminal proceedings on the complaint and the defendant agrees to all of the terms of the proposed agreement, the diversion agreement shall be filed with the district court and the district court shall stay further proceedings on the complaint. If the defendant declines to accept diversion, the district court shall resume the criminal proceedings on the complaint.

(h) Except as provided in subsection (i), if a diversion agreement is entered into in lieu of further criminal proceedings alleging commission of a misdemeanor by the defendant, while under 21 years of age, under K.S.A. 21-5701 through 21-5717, and amendments thereto, or K.S.A. 41-719, 41-727, 41-804, 41-2719 or 41-2720, and amendments thereto, the agreement shall require the defendant to participate in an alcohol and drug evaluation conducted by a licensed provider pursuant to K.S.A. 8-1008, and amendments thereto, and follow any recommendation made by the provider after such evaluation.

(i) If the defendant is 18 or more years of age but less than 21 years of age and allegedly committed a violation of K.S.A. 41-727, and amendments thereto, involving cereal malt beverage, the provisions of subsection (h) are permissive and not mandatory.

(j) If a diversion agreement is entered into in lieu of further criminal proceedings on a complaint alleging a violation of K.S.A. 21-6421, and amendments thereto, the agreement shall include:

(1) ~~Shall include~~—A requirement that the defendant pay a fine specified by the agreement in an amount equal to an amount authorized by K.S.A. 21-6421, and amendments thereto; and

(2) ~~(A) may include for agreements entered into prior to July 1, 2027,~~ a requirement that the defendant enter into and complete a suitable educational or treatment program regarding commercial sexual exploitation; and

(B) for agreements entered into on or after July 1, 2027, a requirement that the defendant enter into and complete an educational or treatment program approved by the attorney general pursuant to section 1, and amendments thereto, regarding commercial sexual exploitation.

(k) Except diversion agreements reported under subsection (l), the attorney general or county or district attorney shall forward to the Kansas bureau of investigation a copy of the diversion agreement at the time such agreement is filed with the district court. The copy of the agreement shall be made available upon request to the attorney general or any county, district or city attorney or court.

(l) At the time of filing the diversion agreement with the district court, the attorney general or county or district attorney shall forward to the division of vehicles of the

state department of revenue a copy of any diversion agreement entered into in lieu of further criminal proceedings on a complaint alleging a violation of K.S.A. 8-1567, and amendments thereto. The copy of the agreement shall be made available upon request to the attorney general or any county, district or city attorney or court.";

Also on page 2, in line 41, after "K.S.A." by inserting "12-4106, 12-4120, 12-4416, 21-5426,"; also in line 41, by striking "is" and inserting ", 21-5828, 21-6421, 21-6422 and 22-2909 are";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 1, after the semicolon by inserting "relating to crimes against public morals; requiring certain offenders to complete an educational or treatment program regarding commercial sexual exploitation and requiring the attorney general to approve such programs in consultation with the office of judicial administration; creating the crime of unlawful use of a laser pointer and providing criminal penalties therefor; removing provisions regarding city ordinances prohibiting buying sexual relations and increasing the criminal penalties therefor"; in line 5, after the semicolon by inserting "modifying criminal use of a financial card to include certain conduct involving gift cards"; also in line 5, after "K.S.A." by inserting "12-4106, 12-4120, 12-4416, 21-5426,"; in line 6, after "21-5801" by inserting ", 21-5828, 21-6421, 21-6422 and 22-2909"; also in line 6, by striking "section" and inserting "sections";

And your committee on conference recommends the adoption of this report.

KELLIE WARREN

KENNY TITUS

ETHAN CORSON

Conferees on part of Senate

SUSAN HUMPHRIES

LAURA WILLIAMS

DAN OSMAN

Conferees on part of House

On motion of Rep. Humphries, the conference committee report on **HB 2347** was adopted.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 119; Nays 4; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 2.

Yeas: Amyx, Anderson, Awerkamp, Ballard, Barrett, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Bohi, Borjon, Brantley, Paige, Brunk, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Caiharr, Carlin, Carmichael, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Carr, Chauncey, Collins, Corbet, Croft, Curtis, Delperdang, Droge, Ellis, Esau, Essex, Estes, Featherston, Francis, Gardner, Goddard, Goetz, Haskins, Hawkins, Helgerson, Helwig, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Hoye, Huebert, Humphries, James, T. Johnson, Kessler, King, Lewis, Long, Martinez, McDonald, McNorton, Melton, Meyer, Minnix, Moser, Neelly, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Pickert, Pishny, Poetter, Poskin, Proctor, Rahjes, Reavis, Resman, Rhiley, Roeser, Roth, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Sanders, Sappington, Sawyer, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schmoie, Schreiber, Schwertfeger, Seiwert, Simmons, Smith, A., Smith, C., Steele, Stiens, Stogsdill, Sutton, Sweely, Tarwater, Turk, Turner, VanHouden, Vaughn, Waggoner, Ward, Wasinger, Waymaster, Weigel, White, Wikle, Willborn, Willcott, Williams, K., Williams, L., Wilson, Wolf, Woodard.

Nays: Boatman, Fairchild, Mosley, Xu.

Present but not voting: None.
Absent or not voting: Alcalá, Winn.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT CHANGES

Speaker Hawkins announced the appointment of Rep. Hoffman to replace Rep. Humphries on Committee on Rules and Journal on January 28, 2026.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Lewis to serve as chairman on Committee on Rules and Journal on January 28, 2026.

On motion of Rep. Croft, the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole, with Rep. Proctor in the chair.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

On motion of Rep. Proctor, Committee of the Whole report, as follows, was adopted:

Recommended that Committee report recommending a substitute bill to **SB 244** be adopted;

On motion of Rep. Osman to re-refer **H Sub for SB 244** to Committee on Judiciary the motion did not prevail.

Also, on motion of Rep. Lewis, **Sub Bill for SB 244** be amended on page 10, following line 15, by inserting:

"New Sec. 7. Sections 1 through 6, and amendments thereto, are declared severable. Any provision of sections 1 through 6, and amendments thereto, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance that is held to be unconstitutional or invalid shall not affect the validity of any remaining provisions of sections 1 through 6, and amendments thereto, or the applicability of such provisions to any person or circumstance.";

And by renumbering sections accordingly

Also, roll call was demanded on motion of Rep. Martinez to amend **Sub Bill for SB 244**, on page 1, by striking all in lines 18 through 36;

By striking all on pages 2 and 3;

On page 4, by striking all in lines 1 through 37; in line 38, by striking "New";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 1, by striking all after the semicolon; by striking all in lines 2 through 5; in line 6, by striking all before "amending"

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 34; Nays 83; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 8.

Yeas: Amyx, Ballard, Boatman, Paige, Carlin, Carmichael, Carr, Curtis, Featherston, Haskins, Hoye, Martinez, McDonald, Melton, Meyer, Mosley, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Poskin, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Sawyer, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schreiber, Simmons, Stogsdill, Vaughn, Weigel, Wikle, Woodard, Xu.

Nays: Anderson, Awerkamp, Barrett, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Bohi, Borjon, Brantley, Brunk, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Caiharr, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Chauncey, Collins, Corbet, Croft, Delperdang, Droge, Ellis, Esau, Essex, Estes, Fairchild, Francis, Gardner,

Goddard, Goetz, Hawkins, Helwig, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Huebert, Humphries, James, T. Johnson, Kessler, King, Lewis, Long, McNorton, Minnix, Moser, Neelly, Pickert, Pishny, Poetter, Proctor, Rahjes, Reavis, Resman, Rhiley, Roeser, Roth, Sanders, Sappington, Schmoe, Schwertfeger, Seiwert, Smith, C., Steele, Stiens, Sutton, Sweely, Tarwater, Turk, Turner, VanHouden, Waggoner, Ward, Wasinger, Waymaster, Wilborn, Williams, K., Williams, L., Wilson, Wolf.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Alcalá, Bergkamp, Helgerson, Neighbor, Smith, A., White, Willcott, Winn.

The motion of Rep. Martinez did not prevail.

Also, roll call was demanded on motion of Rep. Vaughn to amend **Sub Bill for SB 244** on page 2, in line 16, after the period by inserting "The governing body, or the chief administrative officer if no governing body exists, of each public building shall establish a single-occupancy restroom as described in subsection (a)(7)(A) on each floor of such public building, including any structure owned by such governmental entity that contains a restroom."; in line 22, by striking "a" and inserting "additional"; also in line 22, by striking "space" and inserting "spaces"

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 36; Nays 85; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 4.

Yeas: Alcalá, Amyx, Ballard, Boatman, Bohi, Paige, Carlin, Carmichael, Carr, Curtis, Featherston, Haskins, Hoye, Martinez, McDonald, Melton, Meyer, Mosley, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Poskin, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Sawyer, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Simmons, Stogsdill, Vaughn, Weigel, Wickle, Woodard, Xu.

Nays: Anderson, Awerkamp, Barrett, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Borjon, Brantley, Brunk, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Caiharr, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Chauncey, Collins, Corbet, Croft, Delperdang, Droge, Ellis, Esau, Essex, Estes, Fairchild, Francis, Gardner, Goddard, Goetz, Hawkins, Helwig, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Humphries, James, T. Johnson, Kessler, King, Lewis, Long, McNorton, Minnix, Moser, Neelly, Pickert, Pishny, Poetter, Proctor, Rahjes, Reavis, Resman, Rhiley, Roeser, Roth, Sanders, Sappington, Schmoe, Schwertfeger, Seiwert, Smith, A., Smith, C., Steele, Stiens, Sutton, Sweely, Tarwater, Turk, Turner, VanHouden, Waggoner, Ward, Wasinger, Waymaster, White, Wilborn, Willcott, Williams, K., Williams, L., Wilson, Wolf.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Helgerson, Huebert, Schreiber, Winn.

The motion of Rep. Vaughn did not prevail.

Also, roll call was demanded on motion of Rep. McDonald to amend **Sub Bill for SB 244** on page 2, following line 22, by inserting:

"(3) A governmental entity shall have four years from the effective date of this act to complete any remodeling or reconstruction of any public building owned by such governmental entity that is necessary to comply with the provisions of this subsection. A governmental entity shall not be in violation of this section with respect to any such public building during such four-year period."

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 36; Nays 86; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 3.

Yeas: Alcalá, Amyx, Ballard, Boatman, Bohi, Paige, Carlin, Carmichael, Carr, Curtis,

Featherston, Haskins, Hoye, Martinez, McDonald, Melton, Meyer, Mosley, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Poskin, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Sawyer, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Simmons, Stogsdill, Vaughn, Weigel, Wikle, Woodard, Xu.

Nays: Anderson, Awerkamp, Barrett, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Borjon, Brantley, Brunk, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Caiharr, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Chauncey, Collins, Corbet, Croft, Delperdang, Droge, Ellis, Esau, Essex, Estes, Fairchild, Francis, Gardner, Goddard, Goetz, Hawkins, Helwig, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Huebert, Humphries, James, T. Johnson, Kessler, King, Lewis, Long, McNorton, Minnix, Moser, Neelly, Pickert, Pishny, Poetter, Proctor, Rahjes, Reavis, Resman, Rhiley, Roeser, Roth, Sanders, Sappington, Schmoe, Schreiber, Schwertfeger, Seiwert, Smith, C., Steele, Stiens, Sutton, Sweely, Tarwater, Turk, Turner, VanHouden, Waggoner, Ward, Wasinger, Waymaster, White, Wilborn, Willcott, Williams, K., Williams, L., Wilson, Wolf.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Helgerson, Smith, A., Winn.

The motion of Rep. Mc Donald did not prevail.

Also, roll call was demanded on motion of Rep. Schlingensiepen to amend **Sub Bill for SB 244** on page 4, in line 16, after "(h)" by inserting "It is a violation of this section to make a false complaint either to the attorney general under subsection (e) or to a governing body or chief administrative officer under subsection (g). Any person who commits a violation under this subsection shall be subject to the notice provision under subsection (g)(1). Any person who commits a second violation of this subsection shall be subject to the civil penalty provisions of subsection (g)(2). Any person who commits a third or subsequent violation of this subsection shall be guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

(i)";

And by redesignating subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs and clauses accordingly

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 36; Nays 81; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 8.

Yeas: Alcalá, Amyx, Ballard, Boatman, Paige, Carlin, Carmichael, Carr, Curtis, Featherston, Haskins, Hoye, Martinez, McDonald, Melton, Meyer, Mosley, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Poskin, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Sawyer, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schreiber, Simmons, Stogsdill, Vaughn, Weigel, Wikle, Woodard, Xu.

Nays: Anderson, Awerkamp, Barrett, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Borjon, Brantley, Brunk, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Caiharr, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Chauncey, Collins, Corbet, Croft, Delperdang, Droge, Ellis, Esau, Essex, Estes, Fairchild, Francis, Gardner, Goddard, Goetz, Hawkins, Helwig, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Huebert, Humphries, James, Kessler, King, Lewis, Long, McNorton, Minnix, Moser, Neelly, Pickert, Pishny, Poetter, Proctor, Rahjes, Reavis, Resman, Rhiley, Roeser, Sanders, Sappington, Schmoe, Schwertfeger, Seiwert, Smith, C., Steele, Stiens, Sutton, Sweely, Turk, Turner, VanHouden, Waggoner, Ward, Wasinger, Waymaster, White, Wilborn, Williams, K., Williams, L., Wilson, Wolf.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Bohi, Helgerson, T. Johnson, Roth, Smith, A., Tarwater, Willcott, Winn.

The motion of Rep. Schlingensiepen did not prevail.

Also, on motion of Rep. Lewis, **Sub Bill for SB 244** be amended on page 2, in line 39, by striking "12" and inserting "nine"

Also, roll call was demanded on motion of Rep. S. Ruiz to amend **Sub Bill for SB 244** on page 5, in line 3, after "(c)" by inserting "No fee or other charge shall be assessed for the correction or reissuance of any birth certificate that is corrected pursuant to this section.

(d)";

On page 8, following line 29, by inserting:

"(3) No fee or other charge shall be assessed for the correction or issuance of any driver's license that is corrected pursuant to this subsection."

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 42; Nays 76; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 7.

Yeas: Alcalá, Amyx, Ballard, Boatman, Bohi, Paige, Carlin, Carmichael, Carr, Curtis, Esau, Essex, Fairchild, Featherston, Haskins, Hoye, Martinez, McDonald, Melton, Meyer, Mosley, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Poskin, Resman, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Sanders, Sawyer, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schreiber, Simmons, Stogsdill, Vaughn, Weigel, Wikle, Woodard, Xu.

Nays: Anderson, Awerkamp, Barrett, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Borjon, Brantley, Bryce, Buehler, Caiharr, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Chauncey, Collins, Corbet, Croft, Droge, Ellis, Estes, Francis, Gardner, Goetz, Hawkins, Helwig, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Huebert, Humphries, James, T. Johnson, Kessler, King, Lewis, Long, McNorton, Minnix, Moser, Neelly, Pickert, Pishny, Poetter, Proctor, Rahjes, Reavis, Rhiley, Roeser, Roth, Sappington, Schmoë, Schwertfeger, Seiwert, Smith, A., Smith, C., Steele, Stiens, Sutton, Sweely, Tarwater, Turk, Turner, VanHouden, Waggoner, Ward, Wasinger, Waymaster, White, Willcott, Williams, K., Williams, L., Wilson, Wolf.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Brunk, Butler, Delperdang, Goddard, Helgerson, Wilborn, Winn.

The motion of Rep. S. Ruiz did not prevail.

Also, on further motion of Rep. S. Ruiz to amend **Sub Bill for SB 244**, the motion did not prevail.

Also, on further motion of Rep. S. Ruiz to amend **Sub Bill for SB 244**, the motion did not prevail.

Also, on motion by Rep. Wikle to amend **Sub Bill for SB 244**, the motion was withdrawn.

Also, roll call was demanded on motion of Rep. Mosley to amend **Sub Bill for SB 244** on page 5, following line 4, by inserting:

"New Sec. 3. (a) As provided in this section, each state agency, not later than October 1, 2026, and each year thereafter, shall file with the division of the budget such agency's budget estimates for the next fiscal year of a listing of all programs of the agency that provide services for victims of domestic violence, the amount of the agency's request for appropriations to fund services for victims of domestic violence and the amount which will be spent on such services in the next ensuing fiscal year. Beginning in fiscal year 2028, and each fiscal year thereafter, each agency shall certify

to the secretary of administration that the agency has expended annual funding for services, including shelters, for multi-gender victims of domestic violence.

(b) The secretary shall compile all such certifications and information and submit a report to the house of representatives committee on appropriations and the senate committee on ways and means annually on the first day of the regular session of the legislature beginning in 2028.

(c) As used in this section:

(1) "Domestic violence" means the same as defined in K.S.A. 21-5111, and amendments thereto; and

(2) "gender" means the same as defined in K.S.A. 77-207, and amendments thereto.";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 13, after the semicolon by inserting "requiring state agencies to expend annual funding for services, including shelters, for multi-gender victims of domestic violence;"

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 38; Nays 77; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 10.

Yeas: Alcalá, Amyx, Ballard, Boatman, Bohi, Paige, Carmichael, Carr, Curtis, Essex, Featherston, Haskins, Hoye, Martinez, McDonald, Melton, Meyer, Mosley, Neighbor, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Poskin, Roeser, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Sawyer, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Simmons, Stogsdill, Sweely, Vaughn, Weigel, Wikle, Williams, L., Woodard, Xu.

Nays: Anderson, Awerkamp, Barrett, Bergkamp, Blex, Bloom, Borjon, Brantley, Brunk, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Caiharr, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Chauncey, Collins, Corbet, Croft, Droge, Ellis, Esau, Estes, Fairchild, Francis, Gardner, Goetz, Hawkins, Helwig, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Huebert, Humphries, James, T. Johnson, Kessler, King, Lewis, Long, McNorton, Minnix, Moser, Neely, Pishny, Poetter, Proctor, Rahjes, Reavis, Resman, Rhiley, Roth, Sanders, Sappington, Schreiber, Schwertfeger, Seiwert, Smith, A., Smith, C., Steele, Stiens, Sutton, Tarwater, Turk, Turner, VanHouden, Ward, Wasinger, Waymaster, White, Wilborn, Willcott, Williams, K., Wilson, Wolf.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Bergquist, Carlin, Delperdang, Goddard, Helgerson, Ohaebosim, Pickert, Schmoe, Waggoner, Winn.

The motion of Rep. Mosley did not prevail.

On roll call was demanded on motion of Rep. Sawyer Clayton to amend **Sub Bill for SB 244** on page 2, in line 1, after "(6)" by inserting "'Nudity" means any state of undress in which the human genitals, pubic region, buttock or female breast, at a point below the top of the areola, is less than completely and opaquely covered.

(7)";

On page 3, in line 36, after "section" by inserting ":

"(A)";

Also on page 3, in line 38, after "(c)" by inserting ";

(B) for an individual to be present in a multiple-occupancy private space in a state

of nudity, unless such individual is:

(i) In a stall or shower designed for single-occupancy use and is not visible to any other individuals who may be in the multiple-occupancy private space;

(ii) under three years of age; or

(iii) disabled and being provided assistance by another individual";

Also on page 3, also in line 38, after the period by inserting:

"(2)";

On page 4, in line 9, by striking "(1)" and inserting "(2)"; in line 19, after "sex" by inserting "or by an individual appearing in a state of nudity"; in line 20, by striking "of the opposite sex";

And by redesignating subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs and clauses accordingly

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 34; Nays 82; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 9.

Yeas: Alcalá, Amyx, Ballard, Boatman, Paige, Carlin, Carmichael, Carr, Curtis, Featherston, Haskins, Hoye, Martinez, McDonald, Melton, Meyer, Mosley, Neighbor, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Poskin, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Sawyer, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Simmons, Stogsdill, Vaughn, Weigel, Wikle, Woodard, Xu.

Nays: Anderson, Awerkamp, Barrett, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Borjon, Brantley, Brunk, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Caiharr, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Chauncey, Collins, Corbet, Croft, Droge, Ellis, Esau, Estes, Fairchild, Francis, Gardner, Goddard, Goetz, Hawkins, Helwig, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Howe, Howell, Huebert, Humphries, James, T. Johnson, Kessler, King, Lewis, Long, McNorton, Minnix, Moser, Neelly, Pickert, Pishny, Poetter, Proctor, Rahjes, Reavis, Resman, Rhiley, Roth, Sanders, Sappington, Schmoie, Schreiber, Schwertfeger, Seiwert, Smith, A., Smith, C., Steele, Stiens, Sutton, Sweely, Tarwater, Turk, Turner, VanHouden, Waggoner, Ward, Wasinger, Waymaster, White, Wilborn, Willcott, Williams, K., Wilson, Wolf.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Bohi, Delperdang, Essex, Helgerson, Howerton, Ohaebosim, Roeser, Williams, L., Winn.

The motion of Rep. Sawyer Clayton did not prevail.

Also, on motion of Rep. Simmons to amend **Sub Bill for SB 244**, Rep. Humphries requested a ruling on the amendment being germane to the bill. The Rules Chair ruled the amendment not germane.

Also, on motion of Rep. McDonald to amend **Sub Bill for SB 244**, the motion did not prevail.

Also, on motion of Rep. Woodard to amend **Sub Bill for SB 244**, Rep. Humphries requested a ruling on the amendment being germane to the bill. The Rules Chair ruled the amendment not germane;

And **H Sub Bill for SB 244** be passed as amended.

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS

On motion of Rep. Croft to withdraw **HB 2132** from Calendar, under that order of business, General Orders, pursuant to House Rule 2306, the motion prevailed and the Bill was re-referred to Committee on Child Welfare and Foster Care.

On motion of Rep. Croft to withdraw **HR 5015** from Calendar, under that order of business, General Orders, pursuant to House Rule 2306, the motion prevailed and the Bill was referred to Committee on Education.

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

On emergency motion of Rep. Croft pursuant to House Rule 2311, **SB 244** was advanced to Final Action on Bills and Concurrent Resolutions.

Sub Bill for SB 244, AN ACT concerning identification of biological sex; requiring the designation of multiple-occupancy private spaces in public buildings for use by only one sex; imposing criminal and civil penalties for violations; providing a cause of action for individuals aggrieved by an invasion of privacy or other harm when accessing a multiple-occupancy private space; amending the women's bill of rights; defining the term "gender" to mean biological sex at birth for purposes of statutory construction; directing the director of the division of vehicles to invalidate and reissue driver's licenses when necessary to correct the gender identification on such licenses; directing the office of vital statistics to invalidate and reissue birth certificates when necessary to correct the sex identification on such certificates; removing the definition of "gender" from the help not harm act; amending K.S.A. 8-234a and K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 8-243, 65-28,137 and 77-207 and repealing the existing sections, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 87; Nays 36; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 2.

Yeas: Anderson, Awerkamp, Barrett, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Bohi, Borjon, Brantley, Brunk, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Caiharr, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Chauncey, Collins, Corbet, Croft, Delperdang, Droge, Ellis, Esau, Essex, Estes, Fairchild, Francis, Gardner, Goddard, Goetz, Hawkins, Helwig, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Huebert, Humphries, James, T. Johnson, Kessler, King, Lewis, Long, McNorton, Minnix, Moser, Neelly, Pickert, Pishny, Poetter, Proctor, Rahjes, Reavis, Resman, Rhiley, Roeser, Roth, Sanders, Sappington, Schmoe, Schwertfeger, Seiwert, Smith, A., Smith, C., Steele, Stiens, Sutton, Sweely, Tarwater, Turk, Turner, VanHouden, Waggoner, Ward, Wasinger, Waymaster, White, Wilborn, Willcott, Williams, K., Williams, L., Wilson, Wolf.

Nays: Alcalá, Amyx, Ballard, Boatman, Paige, Carlin, Carmichael, Carr, Curtis, Featherston, Haskins, Hoye, Martinez, McDonald, Melton, Meyer, Mosley, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Poskin, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Sawyer, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schreiber, Simmons, Stogsdill, Vaughn, Weigel, Wikle, Woodard, Xu.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Helgerson, Winn.

The substitute bill passed, as amended.

A call of the House was demanded during the vote to adopt **H Sub for SB 244**. Rep. Melton requested to be excused from voting under House Rule 2508(b). Having not received the approval of a 2/3 majority of members present, Rep. Melton was required to vote.

Also, Rep. Oropeza requested to be excused from voting under House Rule 2508(b). Having not received the approval of a 2/3 majority of members present, Rep. Oropeza was required to vote.

EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE

MR. SPEAKER: This bill is embarrassing and encourages discrimination. It had no constituent review, a blank fiscal note and will seriously tarnish our image as a welcoming state that values All of our citizens. This bill will hinder our economic development, our ability to attract companies, sporting events, concerts and out of state students to attend our colleges and universities. It addresses absolutely NONE of the issues our constituents sent us here to address. I vote NO on **SB 244** The people of Kansas will have the final vote on this bill and the process that brought it to the floor of the Kansas House of Representatives on Tuesday, November 3, 2026.— JERRY STOGSDILL, PAM CURTIS

MR. SPEAKER: I vote NO on **H Sub for SB 244**. This bill will leave at least 1,700 Kansans without 2 reliable methods to prove citizenship and identification the day it becomes law. No one deserves this level of harassment from their government. This bill is unconstitutional, and it violates basic human decency. Trans rights are human rights. I vote NO! - Jo ELLA HOYE

MR. SPEAKER: I vote NO on **SB 244**. This bill does not go far enough to protect women and children, had the no nudity in restrooms and locker rooms amendment gone on, it would have protected them, but it does not go far enough. I hope to see this legislation revisited in the future so that we can truly protect Kansas kids. - STEPHANIE SAWYER CLAYTON

MR. SPEAKER: I vote NO on **House Substitute for Senate Bill 244**. I didn't run for office to spend my time and power stripping people of their dignity. It's infuriating to me and my constituents that this body is using our time to further marginalize vulnerable populations by debating people's personal information on their driver's license and which bathrooms they can and cannot use. Imagine the good we could do for Kansans if we focused our energy on actual problems that our constituents care about. - SUZANNE WIKLE,

MR. SPEAKER: I vote no on **SB 244** because this bigoted legislation was pushed through in less than 48 hours, exploiting rules meant for real emergencies, in order to silence our voters through bypassing normal democratic process. I vote no because this policy is disingenuous and dangerous to many Kansans, especially members of the transgender, intersex, and gender diverse community. While this bill purports to protect women it, in fact, seriously endangers the lives of all Kansans through prejudiced segregation and by prohibiting individuals from accessing restrooms, domestic violence shelters, rape crisis centers, and other essential spaces and services. – KIRK HASKINS, RUI XU, LINDA FEATHERSTON, CINDY NEIGHBOR, SUSAN RUIZ, HEATHER MEYER, FORD CARR, JOHN ALCALA, ANGELA MARTINEZ, JARROD OUSLEY, WANDA BROWNLEE PAIGE, TOBIAS SCHLINGSIEPEN, JOHN CARMICHAEL, BROOKLYNNE MOSLEY, SYDNEY CARLIN, DAN OSMAN, TOM SAWYER, LOUIS RUIZ, BARBARA BALLARD, MIKE AMYX.

MR. SPEAKER: On behalf of all the women who have faced the trauma of healing after sexual assault, who did not have to come and testify and relive that trauma just to have their spaces kept safe as it has been for generations, I am humbled and honored to vote yes on **SB 244**. - CHARLOTTE ESAU

MR. SPEAKER: I vote yes on **SB 244**. It addresses real concerns & provides protections for the vulnerable. In my home district there was an instance where a student was using bathrooms in the school that did not align with his sex, much to the discomfort of female students. Parents were alerted when their young daughters came home from school upset and confused. As it stands, there is inconsistency as each building can apply different practices. Clarifying these policies in government buildings will relieve our administrators from making reactive policies and reinstate guiderails that protect children. This codifies what was accepted practice in society up until recently. –

COURTNEY SAPPINGTON

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Agriculture and Natural Resources** recommends **HB 2476** be amended on page 1, in line 19, after "(b)" by inserting "Nothing in this section shall preclude claims or causes of action that are unrelated to product warnings or labeling.

(c)";

And the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on **Health and Human Services** recommends **HB 2436** be passed.

Committee on **Health and Human Services** recommends **HB 2218** be amended on page 1, in line 9, by striking "2024" and inserting "2025";

On page 6, in line 33, by striking "2024" and inserting "2025";

On page 9, in line 42, by striking "2024" and inserting "2025";

On page 1, in the title, in line 4, by striking "2024" and inserting "2025"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Upon unanimous consent, the House referred back to the regular business, Introduction of Bills and Concurrent Resolutions.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

HB 2575, AN ACT concerning motor vehicles; relating to vehicle registration; eliminating registration fees and yearly registration requirement for motor vehicles used as passenger vehicles and vehicles used for personal use if registered by an individual or individuals; relating to taxation; eliminating the imposition of sales and property tax on certain motor vehicles; amending K.S.A. 8-135, 8-1,176, 75-5160 and 79-5102 and K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 8-134, 8-143, 8-1,177 and 79-3603 and repealing the existing sections, by Representative Rhiley.

HB 2576, AN ACT concerning education; establishing Erin's law; requiring school districts to provide teacher training and age-appropriate student instruction on the identification and reporting of signs of child sexual abuse, by Committee on Education.

HB 2577, AN ACT concerning the department of administration; relating to the division of purchases; requiring a 20% or higher blend of biodiesel to be purchased for use in state-owned diesel-powered vehicles and equipment; amending K.S.A. 75-3744a and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

HB 2578, AN ACT concerning motor vehicles; relating to antique vehicles; creating a definition for antique farm vehicle; permitting such vehicles to register as an antique vehicle; directing the division of vehicles to design a decal for such vehicles; exempting

such registered vehicles from the Kansas uniform commercial drivers' license act; amending K.S.A. 8-166, 8-172 and 8-2,127 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Transportation.

HB 2579, AN ACT concerning roads and highways; designating a portion of K-49 highway as the Pvt Michael E Gerber memorial highway Vietnam KIA, by Committee on Transportation.

HB 2580, AN ACT concerning economic development; relating to international trade; establishing the Kansas international trade commission to advance, promote and encourage business and other mutually beneficial activities between Kansas and other countries, particularly Ireland, Japan and Taiwan; establishing the Kansas international trade commission fund, by Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development.

HB 2581, AN ACT concerning animals; relating to the pet animal act; authorizing animal shelters to move neonate animals needing treatment or care to a foster home; requiring shelters to display photographs of animals at a location other than the shelter during a holding period; amending K.S.A. 47-1710 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

HB 2582, AN ACT concerning animal care; relating to veterinary services for food animals in rural Kansas; establishing the developing veterinary medicine in rural Kansas program within the Kansas department of agriculture; providing financial assistance and support to veterinarians practicing in rural communities; establishing an advisory committee; providing for administration and contracting for program management and support; establishing the developing veterinary medicine in rural Kansas program fund, by Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

HB 2583, AN ACT concerning drivers' licenses; relating to commercial drivers' licenses and the Kansas uniform commercial drivers' license act; modifying the definition of commercial motor vehicle in the uniform act; requiring commercial motor vehicle drivers' license holders to possess certain identification documents and proficiency of the English language while operating a commercial motor vehicle; establishing fines for violations of such provisions on commercial motor vehicle employers and nonresident commercial driver's license holders; amending K.S.A. 8-2,128, 8-2,131, 8-2,132, 8-2,141, 8-2,148 and 8-2,152 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Transportation.

HB 2584, AN ACT concerning drivers' licenses; relating to contents thereon; permitting a licensee to request that such licensee's mailing address be provided on a driver's license; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 8-243 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Transportation.

HB 2585, AN ACT concerning motor vehicles; relating to distinctive license plates; providing for the delta waterfowl license plate, by Representative W. Carpenter.

HB 2586, AN ACT concerning municipalities; relating to franchises with telecommunications service providers; requiring revenues received by telecommunications service providers for the provision of broadband services to be calculated when determining gross receipts; amending K.S.A. 12-2001 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications.

HB 2587, AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; relating to the regulation of certain drugs; authorizing a licensed private psychiatric hospital to maintain a stock supply of emergency medication kits for pharmaceutical emergencies, by Committee on

Health and Human Services.

HB 2588, AN ACT concerning occupational licensing; relating to statewide licensure of electricians; providing for such licensing of electricians by the board of technical professions; amending K.S.A. 12-1527, 74-7003, 74-7004, 74-7005, 74-7035 and 74-7040 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 12-1525 and 12-1526, by Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development.

HB 2589, AN ACT concerning children and minors; relating to reports of child abuse or neglect; prohibiting the secretary for children and families from accepting or assigning anonymous reports of child abuse or neglect; requiring the secretary to inform anonymous reporters of such prohibition and other pertinent information regarding the reporting of child abuse or neglect, confidentiality of identifiable information and penalties for false reporting; allowing law enforcement agencies to accept anonymous reports of child abuse or neglect; providing for the confidentiality of reporter information in law enforcement records; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 38-2213 and 38-2223 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Child Welfare and Foster Care.

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. **HR 6023**—

By Committee on Legislative Modernization

A RESOLUTION opposing the federal preemption of state laws that regulate artificial intelligence.

WHEREAS, The State of Kansas recognizes the rapid advancement and deployment of artificial intelligence (AI) systems throughout the economy, including in sectors affecting Kansas citizens such as employment, housing, healthcare, elections and education; and

WHEREAS, Federal preemption of state AI laws would represent a significant intrusion into the states' traditional and constitutionally protected powers under the Tenth Amendment, which reserves to the states powers not explicitly delegated to the federal government; and

WHEREAS, The proposed federal preemption would override states' traditional authority in areas such as state election administration, state court operations, public safety and policing, professional licensing and the governance of state executive branches, all of which are areas in which states have legitimate constitutional authority and responsibility to their citizens; and

WHEREAS, Federal proposals to preempt state AI laws have contained serious flaws, including ambiguous definitions, lack of state criminal prosecution exemptions and, most critically, no meaningful federal protections or standards to replace state authority; and

WHEREAS, Such federal preemption would leave courts, employers, consumers and Kansas residents operating in a regulatory vacuum at precisely the moment when AI systems are becoming deeply embedded in everyday life; and

WHEREAS, Federal preemption efforts may be paired with threats to withhold discretionary federal funding and Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) Program funds from states with AI regulations, representing a coercive infringement on state authority and an inequitable burden on rural and fiscally constrained states, like

Kansas, that depend heavily on federal broadband funding; and

WHEREAS, States are uniquely positioned to tailor policy to local needs, and they have been the "laboratory of democracy," piloting solutions that can later inform federal legislation when Congress finally acts; and

WHEREAS, Kansas and other states now risk having their carefully considered policymaking undone by broadly applied and rushed federal intervention; and

WHEREAS, Congress should instead focus on setting a strong federal floor of protections, while preserving state authority to go further, as needed, in addressing new harms in ways that are tailored to their constituents' needs: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That we express our strong opposition to any federal legislation, executive order or federal policy that would preempt, freeze or otherwise restrict the state of Kansas from enacting, enforcing or modifying laws and regulations governing AI; and

Be it further resolved: That we oppose any proposal to temporarily or permanently suspend Kansas' authority to regulate AI in any sector, including, but not limited to, areas of traditional state responsibility, such as:

(a) State election administration and the prevention of election interference through AI-generated deepfakes, automated voter-targeting tools and related technologies;

(b) state court operations and the rules governing the use of AI in legal proceedings and judicial decision-making;

(c) public safety and policing, including the use of AI-based surveillance and biometric identification technologies;

(d) professional licensing and the regulation of professionals' use of AI tools;

(e) employment practices and protections for Kansas workers from AI-enabled discrimination;

(f) housing and the prevention of AI-enabled discriminatory practices in housing markets;

(g) healthcare and the regulation of AI systems used in medical decision-making;

(h) consumer protection and the prevention of AI-generated fraud and identity theft;

(i) environmental and land use regulation related to data center construction and operation; and

(j) protecting the privacy of children and regulating AI companion applications; and

Be it further resolved: That we reject any federal preemption proposal that:

(a) Fails to include a clear exemption preserving state authority to enforce criminal laws against AI-enabled crimes, including the production of non-consensual synthetic media, identity fraud and election interference;

(b) does not offer federal protections or minimum standards to replace state authority, leaving Kansas residents in a regulatory vacuum;

(c) uses ambiguous definitions of AI systems or AI regulation that invite litigation and regulatory paralysis;

(d) allows private entities to enforce federal restrictions on state authority, subjecting Kansas to costly litigation;

(e) conditions the receipt of federal funding, including, but not limited to, Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) Program funds, on Kansas' refusal to enact or enforce AI regulations; or

(f) attempts to achieve preemption through executive order, which exceeds presidential constitutional authority; and

Be it further resolved: That we affirm the constitutional authority of the state of Kansas to regulate artificial intelligence within its borders and the responsibility of Kansas to protect its citizens from AI-related harms; and

Be it further resolved: That nothing in this resolution shall be construed as endorsement of all AI regulations or opposition to reasonable federal AI standards that are paired with preservation of meaningful state authority; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of State shall send enrolled copies of this resolution to:

- (a) Each member of the Kansas congressional delegation;
- (b) the President of the United States;
- (c) the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives;
- (d) the President pro tempore of the United States Senate;
- (e) the chairpersons and ranking members of the United States House Committee on Energy and Commerce and the United States Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation;
- (f) all state governors and state legislative leaders; and
- (g) the national media outlets.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT CHANGES

Speaker Hawkins announced the appointment of Rep. Pishney to replace Rep. Wilborn on Committee on Elections on January 29, 2026.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Goddard to replace Rep. Francis on Committee on Appropriations on, January 29, 2026.

Also, the appointment of Rep. McNorton to replace Rep. Willcott on Committee on Social Service Budget on January 30, 2026.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Xu to replace Rep. Helgeson on Committee on Appropriations on January 29, 2026.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Ousley as Ranking Minority Member on Committee on K-12 Education Budget until further notice.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Poskin to replace Rep. Osman on Committee on Select Committee on Government Oversight. This appointment is permanent.

On motion of Rep. Croft, the House adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Thursday, January 29, 2026.

JENNY HAUGH, JULIA WERNER, *Journal Clerks.*

SUSAN W. KANNARR, *Chief Clerk.*

