

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEEBILL ACTION INDEX

Bill No.	Short Title Description	Author/ Sponsor	Hearing/ Discussion	Comm. Action
SB 9	Prohibiting foreign principals from acquiring interests in real estate in proximity to military installations, state agencies and local government from purchasing drones or critical components of drones from foreign principals or that are manufactured in countries of concern and foreign principals from receiving benefits from economic development programs.	Senator Bowers	Information Hearing on 3-18-2025	
SB 30	Requiring the secretary of labor to conduct a state and national criminal history record check on employees who have access to federal tax information received directly from the internal revenue service.	Sn Judiciary Julie Menghini (DOL)	1-27-2025	BP 2-4-2025
SB 53	Providing that the attorney members of the board of trustees of a county law library in certain counties shall be appointed by the chief judge of the judicial district and allowing such board to authorize the chief judge to use certain fees for the purpose of facilitating and enhancing functions of the district court of the county.	Senator Bowers	1-28-2025	BP 2-4-2025
SB 54	Limiting discovery and disclosure of third-party litigation funding agreements in certain circumstances and requiring reporting of such agreements to the judicial council for study.	E Stafford behalf of Ks Chamber of Commerce	2-10-2025	Contents were removed and replaced with Sen Sub for SB54 BPA 2-17-2025

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SB 60	Prohibiting second and successive motions and ineffective counsel claims in habeas corpus actions and providing for direct appeal to the supreme court in habeas corpus appeals filed by inmates sentenced to death.	Garrett Henson behalf of the Ks Attorney General	2-5-2025	
SB 61	Requiring an electric public utility to pay a landowner's attorney fees when a party appeals the appraisers' award and the jury renders a verdict that is greater than the appraisers' award in an eminent domain action.	Claudia Hissong on behalf of Kansas Farm Bureau	1-30-2025	
SB 62	Creating the crime of engaging in a street stunt, providing criminal penalties therefor and adding engaging in a street stunt to the list of crimes included in fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer.	Marlee Carpender on behalf of City of Wichita Police Dept		
SB 70	Providing for reasonable fees for electronic copies of records under the open records act, exempting from disclosure formally closed investigations with no found violations, requiring county or district attorneys to file reports of violations with the attorney in December instead of January, determining the membership calculation of subordinate groups under the open meetings act, requiring public bodies or agencies that live stream meetings to ensure that the public is able to observe and providing for a five minute deviation to resume an open meeting at the conclusion of executive sessions.	Senator Shane	2-3-2025	BPA 2-13-2025
SB 71	Increasing the criminal penalties for buying sexual relations, removing provisions regarding city ordinances prohibiting buying sexual relations, requiring certain	Senator Dietrich	1-29-2025	BP 2-4-2025

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SB 84	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. Modifying criminal use of a financial card to include certain conduct involving gift cards.	William Wilk on behalf of Ks Chamber of Commerce	2-3-2025	BP 2-4-2025
SB 91	Providing for payment of interest in civil actions for wrongful conviction and directing the attorney general to seek damages for the state from any person who knowingly contributed to the wrongful conviction and prosecute ouster and criminal proceedings as warranted.	Senator Haley		
SB 94	Requiring a person convicted of an offense that resulted in the incapacitation or death of a victim who is the parent or guardian of a minor child to pay restitution in the form of child support.	Senator Haley		
SB 96	Creating the crime of deprivation of rights under color of law and providing a civil action for victims.	Senator Haley		
SB102	Clarifying the identifying information in mandatory reports of abuse or neglect of children and increasing the penalty for failing to report such abuse or neglect.	Senator Shane		
SB 110	Prohibiting the use of restraints during hearings under the revised Kansas juvenile justice code unless restraints are deemed appropriate by the court.	Mike Fonkert on behalf of Kansas Appleseed		

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SB 111	Prohibiting fines and fees from being assessed against a juvenile or a juvenile's parent, guardian or custodian in a case pursuant to the revised Kansas juvenile justice code.	Mike Fonkert on behalf of Kansas Appleseed		
SB 116	Requiring prosecutors to disclose their intent to introduce testimony from a jailhouse witness and to forward related information to the Kansas bureau of investigation.	Senator Clifford Committee on Fed and State	3-17-2025	
SB 127	Expanding the hearsay exception for statements made to a physician to all healthcare providers.	Steve Kearny on behalf of KS County & District Attorneys	2-11-2025	
SB 128	Creating an exception to certain mandatory reporting obligations for licensed social workers when working under the supervision of an attorney and permitting an attorney to require a licensed social worker to keep ethical obligations of attorney-client privilege while working under the supervision of such attorney.	Senator Bowers	2-11-2025	BP to Consent Calendar 2-14-2025
SB 129	Raising the mandatory retirement age for magistrate judges regularly admitted to practice law who serve in counties with a population of 10,000 or fewer people.	Senator Bowers	2-6-2025	
SB 135	Providing precedence of child-related orders issued under the protection from abuse act.	Jessica Lucas on behalf of Ks Coalition against	2-4-2025	BP to Consent Calendar 2-5-2025
SB 138	Requiring search warrants to be issued only on the statement of facts sufficient to show probable	Steve Kearney on behalf of Ks Co & Dist. Attorney Association	2-12-2025	BP Committee Report 2-13-2025

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	cause made by a law enforcement officer.			
SB 141	Enacting the right to speak your truth act to prohibit defamation actions in certain circumstances.	Senator Holscher		
SB 155	Adding harboring or concealing a person who has violated terms of probation to the crime of obstructing apprehension or prosecution.	Steve Kearney on behalf of Ks Co & Dist. Attorney Association	2-13-2025	
SB 156	Creating the crime of unlawful use of a laser pointer and providing criminal penalties therefor.	Senator Owens	2-12-2025	BP to Consent Calendar 2-14-2025
SB 157	Requiring warrants issued for failure to appear to be provided to a compensated surety, changing the criteria for setting aside bond forfeiture and requiring remission if the defendant is returned to custody in certain circumstances.	Senator Owens	2-13-2025	BPA 2-14-2025
SB 160	Granting the attorney general concurrent authority to prosecute any crimes related to schools.	Senator Shane		
SB 180	Requiring previous convictions to be considered in determining bond when a person is arrested for certain sex offenses.	Senator Sykes		
SB 183	Creating the crimes of interference with a security camera in a correctional facility and aggravated interference with a security camera in a correctional facility and providing criminal penalties therefor.	Senator Corson		
SB 185	Providing that certain legal violations relating to victims of crime are not grounds for appeal in a criminal case.	Senator Shane		
SB 186	Requiring probable cause affidavits to be made available to law enforcement agencies prior to the	Ed Klumpp behalf of Ks Sheriffs Assoc; Chiefs of Police and Peace	2-12-2025	BP to Consent Calendar 2-14-2025

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	execution of a warrant or summons	Officers Assoc.		
SB 187	Requiring certain records and files to be automatically expunged from a juvenile's record.	Brenna Visocsy on behalf of KS Appleseed		
SB 188	Requiring a secured release for release prior to trial when a person is charged with certain offenses and creating a mechanism for unsecured judicial release.	Senator Owens	2-13-2025	
SB 203	Authorizing a notice to appear to be issued for an unavailable witness or a material witness.	S Kearney on behalf of Ks Co & Dist. Attorney Assoc.	2-17-2025	
SB204	Requiring the case and warrant information be sealed in criminal and juvenile offender cases.	Jeff Wageman on behalf of KS Co & District Attorneys Assoc	2-17-2025	BPA 2-17-2025
SB 205	Increasing the criminal penalty for certain violations of breach of privacy when the victim is a child.	S Kearney on behalf of Ks Co and Dist. Attorney Assoc.		
SB 206	Requiring any person convicted of distribution of a controlled substance causing great bodily harm or death or register under the Kansas offender registration act for 15 years.	Senator Corson		
SB 208	Prohibiting the use of any prone restraint on a juvenile who is in custody at a juvenile detention facility or juvenile correctional facility or being assessed as part of the juvenile intake and assessment system.	Senator Faust-Goudeau		
SB220	Increasing the penalty for unlawful employment under child labor laws.	Committee on Public Health & Welfare		
SB 221	Changing the membership of the judicial council to have one resident lawyer from each judicial	Senator Warren		

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	district instead of four resident lawyers.			
SB 222	Prohibiting deference to a state agency's interpretation of a statute, rule or regulation or document by a state court or an officer hearing an administrative action.	Senator Warren	2-14-2025	BPA 2-17-2025
SB 237	Requiring the court to consider the value of retirement accounts if a person loses income for certain reasons and eliminating the exemption of pension and retirement moneys from claims to fulfill child support obligations.	Senator Warren	2-14-2025	BPA 2-17-2025
SB 239	Creating a special sentencing rule to add 100 months to a sentence for distribution of a controlled substance when the substance involved is fentanyl and the distribution causes the death of a child.	Senator Corson		
SB 240	Establishing procedures for a civil action instituted by the commissioner of insurance related to fraudulent insurance acts, providing that expunged criminal records will be disclosed in any application for licensure as an insurance producer or public adjuster if the arrest, conviction or diversion is for a fraudulent insurance act and including automobile assigned claims plans in provisions related to fraudulent insurance acts.	Eric Turek on behalf of Kansas Insurance Department		
SB 241	Providing that restrictive covenants in certain contracts are enforceable and not considered a restraint of trade in certain circumstances.	Eric Stafford on behalf of Kansas Chamber of Commerce	2-14-2025	BP 2-17-2025
SB 242	Requiring that a political subdivision hold an open	Matt Bingesser on behalf of the	3-3-2025	Contents removed from

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	meeting to discuss a contingency fee contract for legal services before approving such contract and requiring the attorney general to approve such contracts.	Office of Attorney General		HB2228 and contents of SB242 added to HB2228 BPA as Sen. Sub. for HB2228 3-18-2025
SB 243	Requiring outpatient competency evaluations in certain circumstances and requiring the court to make specific findings for inpatient competency evaluations.	Leigh Keck on behalf of Kansas Dept for Aging and Disability Services		
SB 244	Prohibiting a compensated surety from making loans for certain portions of the required minimum appearance bond premium.	Senator Owens	2-13-2025	BP 2-17-2025
SB 245	Providing that no person shall be sentenced to death for crimes committed after July 1, 2025, and creating the crime of aggravated murder.	Senator Bowers on behalf of the Kansas Coalition against the death penalty		
SB 246	Requiring all applicants for teaching licenses and certificates and employees of a school district or public innovative district to submit to a criminal history record check and creating the criminal history record check reimbursement fund for certain state and criminal history record checks conducted by the Kansas department for aging and disability services.	Committee on Judiciary		
SB 247	Eliminating the exemption for vehicle dealers from certain requirements of the scrap metal theft reduction act.	Senator Warren		
SB 248	Requiring criminal history record check information relating to hemp producers to be sent to the state fire marshal, updating the fingerprinting language for the	Robert Jacobs on behalf of Kansas Bureau of Investigation.		

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	state banking commissioner for money transmitters and earned wage access services providers and authorizing the state gaming agency and attorney general to have access to more criminal history record information.			
SB 255	Authorizing certain inmates in the custody of the secretary of corrections to petition the court for a resentencing hearing.	Senator Faust-Goudeau		
SB262	Requiring government agencies, public utilities and other entities when exercising the power of eminent domain to make a good faith offer for the property prior to filing an eminent domain action, providing the good faith offer, if greater than the appraiser's award, shall be deposited with the court, allowing appeals from that amount, prohibiting the exercise of eminent domain for recreational trails and park and recreational facilities and deleting the power of the legislature to condemn property for economic development.	Committee on Federal and State Affairs		
SB288	Prohibiting certain sex offenders from entering onto school property or attending school activities and creating criminal penalties for violation thereof.	Senator Warren	3-11-2025	Contents removed from HB2164 and contents from SB288 were added to HB2164 SB288 was amended BPA as Sen Sub 21643-17-2025
HB2061	Including aboveground and belowground lines, cables and wires in the definition of a critical infrastructure facility used for telecommunications or video services for the crimes of	Fred Patton behalf of Charter Communications Operating LLC	2-26-2025	BPA 3-10-2025

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	trespassing on a critical infrastructure facility and criminal damage to a critical infrastructure facility.			
HB2062	Providing for child support orders for unborn children from the date of conception.	Rep Williams	2-27-2025	BP 3-5-2025
HB2118	Requiring any person who solicits a fee for filing or retrieving certain documents from the federal government, the state, a state agency or a local government to give certain notices to consumers and providing that violation of such requirements is a deceptive act or practice subject to penalties under the Kansas consumer protection act.	Committee on Commerce, Labor & Economic Development, Clay Barker, Office of Secretary of State	3-12-2025	BPA 3-13-2025
HB2134	Amending the Kansas open records act regarding charges for records in the state executive branch and other public agencies other than the state legislative and judicial branches, prohibiting charges for electronic copies of records and for determining whether a record exists and limiting charges for employee time required to make records available.	Mike O'Neal on behalf of Kansas Policy Institute	3-3-2025	BPA 3-7-2025
HB2155	Specifying that sheriffs have liability for official acts related to charge and custody of jails.	Ed Klumpp on behalf of Ks Sheriffs' Assoc	2-27-2025	BPA 3-5-2025
HB2164	Authorizing persons who are 20 years of age or older to apply for certification as a police officer or law enforcement officer under the Kansas law enforcement training act.	Whitney Damron on behalf of the City of Topeka	3-10-2025	Contents removed from HB2164 and contents from SB288 were added to HB2164 BPA 3-17-2025
HB2166	Continuing in existence certain exceptions to the disclosure of	Rep Humphries on behalf of Revisors Office	3-3-2025	BP to Consent Calendar 3-6-2025

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	public records under the open records act.			
HB2177	Increasing the criminal penalties for certain violations of fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer when the person has prior convictions of the offense.	Representative Barrett	3-4-2025	
HB2182	Prohibiting a sheriff from charging a fee for service of process for proceedings under the protection from abuse act and the protection from stalking, sexual assault or human trafficking act.	Meredith Fry, Ks Coalition against Sexual and Domestic Violence	3-12-2025	BP to Consent Calendar 3-13-2025
HB2183	Including any photograph, film, video picture, digital or computer-generated image or picture that has been created, altered or modified by artificial intelligence or any digital means in the definition of a visual depiction for certain criminal offenses.	Representative Barrett	3-4-2025	BPA 3-6-2025
HB2192	Limiting or prohibiting work release for people convicted of a second or third offense of domestic battery.	Representative Thompson	3-13-2025	BPA 3-17-2025
HB2212	Increasing the reimbursement amount of money that the secretary of corrections may make to inmates for losses for personal injury or property damage or loss caused by negligence and requiring notice to the secretary for claims exceeding the reimbursement maximum.	Representative Humphries	3-5-2025	BPA 3-6-2025
HB2215	Modifying the definition of public-private partnership to increase the allowable cost-share limit for expenditures by the	Jennifer King, on behalf of Ks Dept of Corrections	3-12-2025	BP 3-13-2025

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	department of corrections on certain correctional institution construction projects.			
HB2228	Requiring the secretary of corrections to assist inmates with obtaining identification and employment related documentation prior to release from custody.	Jennifer King on behalf of Dept of Corrections	3-10-2025	Contents removed from HB2228 and contents from SB242 were added to HB2228 BPA 3-18-2025 as Sen Sub for HB2228
HB2242	Authorizing the governor to accept requests of concurrent jurisdiction from the federal government in certain circumstances.	Representative Proctor on behalf of Michelle Richart	3-4-2025	BPA 3-5-2025
HB2312	Excluding certain offenders convicted of a nonperson felony from participation in certified drug abuse treatment programs and authorizing community correctional services officers to complete criminal risk-need assessments for diverttees who are committed to such programs.	Scott Schultz, Kansas Sentencing Commission	3-10-2025	BPA 3-12-2025
HB2323	Establishing procedures for a civil action instituted by the commissioner of insurance related to fraudulent insurance acts, providing that expunged criminal records will be disclosed in any application for licensure as an insurance producer or public adjuster if the arrest, conviction or diversion is for a fraudulent insurance act and including automobile assigned claims plans in provisions related to fraudulent insurance acts.	Steve Karr on behalf of Kansas Insurance Department		
HB2327	Establishing procedures and requirements for the secretary of	Representative Lewis		

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	corrections to issue a certificate of employability to certain inmates.			
HB2342	Authorizing national criminal history background checks for final applicants for certain sensitive positions with the department of commerce and employees in such positions and authorizing the secretary of commerce to request the Kansas bureau of investigation to conduct the background checks and provide the results to the secretary.	Rachel Willis on behalf of the Department of Commerce	3-11-2025	BPA 3-13-2025
HB2347	Changing the culpability required for certain types of theft and increasing the criminal penalty for theft of property that is a motor vehicle to a felony.	Marlee Carpenter on behalf of City of Wichita & Wichita Police Dept	3-4-2025	BPA 3-5-2025
HB2359	Enacting the uniform adult guardianship and protective proceedings jurisdiction act and the uniform guardianship, conservatorship and other protective arrangements act.	Nancy Strouse on behalf of the Kansas Judicial Council	3-11-2025	BP 3-12-2025
HB2371	Amending the Kansas revised limited liability company act, the business entity transactions act and the business entity standard treatment act.	Joe Molina on behalf of the Kansas Bar Assoc	3-5-2025	BPA 3-6-2025
HB2378	Establishing the removal of squatters act, providing a procedure to remove a squatter from a dwelling unit, requiring owners or agents of dwelling units to provide an affidavit to the county sheriff, requiring notice to vacate by the sheriff, establishing the crime of providing a false affidavit and establishing a civil cause of action for wrongful removal of a person from a dwelling unit,	Representative Will Carpenter	3-17-2025	

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	allowing attorney fees and punitive damages.			
HCR 5008	Proposing a constitutional amendment to provide for legislative oversight of rules and regulations adopted by executive branch agencies and officials.	Representative Wassinger on behalf of Representative B Carpenter	3-6-2025	BP 3-10-2025

CONFIRMATIONS:

Appointments:

Judge, Kansas Court of Appeals, Lori Bolton Fleming, Pittsburg, effective upon the date of confirmation by the Senate to serve a four-year term for successive terms by public vote, to succeed Judge Henry Green Jr. (Hearing and action by committee 3-24-2025).

Board Member, Kansas Crimes Victims Compensation, Rebecca Dickinson, Wakarusa, effective upon the date of confirmation by the Senate to reappoint to the member three position on the Kansas Crime Victims Compensation Board for a term that will expire on March 15 2029. (Hearing and action by committee 4-10-2025).