

School Counselor Legislative Report

Prepared for the Kansas Counseling Association and its members

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Legislature returns for 2nd half of session on Wednesday

State legislators return to Topeka Wednesday (March 2) after an unusual seven day break marking the midpoint (or turnaround) of the 2016 Kansas Legislative session. The break is usually four days.

Legislative leadership is working for a shorter session since this is an election year. They want to show they are organized and that everything is under control. It's an effort to instill confidence in voters for the current direction of the state's public policy.

To that end, they have only 18 working days in March before the scheduled First Adjournment on March 25 (Good Friday). What follows will be a month-long break prior to the beginning of the veto session on April 27.

The altered schedule will allow for a 22 day veto session before reaching a 90 day session. Leadership wants to be able to say they went home before the 90 day target, especially following last year's record-breaking 114 day session.

A 22-day veto session brings them up against the National Hot Rod Association annual races at Heartland Park in Topeka on May 20 to 22. Many legislators could be forced out of their hotel rooms if the legislature is still in session.

School finance is one of the issues working against a shorter session

Legislators have already passed a budget which has gone to Governor Brownback. It only leaves a fraction of a percent of an ending balance this year: \$6.5 million.

That's not enough.

The budget does not fund the estimated \$50 to \$100 million necessary to comply with the Kansas Supreme Court's recent school finance decision. Failure to comply could close public schools after June 30th.

It's not enough to find the money. Lawmakers have to work out how to distribute it to public schools in a way that satisfies the court.

Lawmakers could be tripped up by the continued stagnant performance of the economy, which is leading to stagnant revenues. When they return in April, they will be able to judge if income tax revenues have been on target. They will also be able to review the updated consensus revenue estimating group's predictions for money coming into the state treasury.

Major changes in either of those could force lawmakers to meet past 90 days.

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Bill tracker

Below is a listing of the bills we are tracking for the educator members of the Kansas Counseling Association. You can click on the bill number for more information. It will take you to the Kansas Legislature's web site, where you can read information on the bill.

Many bills will have a Supplemental Note or Fiscal Note. Click on SN or FN to get information in layman's terms.

Many of the bills are carried over from the 2015 Kansas Legislature.

Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action
SB 2 Jacob LaTurner, R-13th	Authorizing school districts to offer multi-year contracts to teachers	In Senate Education	01/28/2015 - Senate Possible Action in Education: Tuesday, 2/3/2015, 1:30 PM, Rm 144-S
Sub for SB 60 Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Authorizing participation by less than full-time students in activities regulated by Kansas state high school activities association	In House Education	03/13/2015 - House Scheduled Hearing in Education: Tuesday, 3/17, 1:30 PM, Rm 112-N

SB 67 Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Development and establishment of K-12 curriculum standards	In Senate Education	01/23/2015 - Senate Referred to Education
SB 136 Senate Education Committee	Amending the professional negotiations act	In House Education	03/05/2015 - House Referred to Education
SB 137 Senate Education Committee	Education; amendments to the school district finance and quality performance act; the virtual school act; the student data privacy act; and the tax credit for low income student scholarship program act	In Senate Ways and Means	02/04/2015 - Senate Referred to Ways and Means
SB 168 Senate Select Committee on KPERS	Issuing a \$1 billion of pension obligation bonds to finance a portion of the unfunded actuarial liability of KPERS	In House Pensions and Benefits	03/05/2015 - House Referred to Pensions and Benefits
Sub for SB 171 Senate Ethics and Elections Committee	Municipal elections; nonpartisan; fall odd-numbered years	In House Taxation	03/25/2015 - House Withdrawn from calendar; referred to Taxation
SB 175 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Exercise of religious freedom by postsecondary education student associations	On General Orders in House	04/02/2015 - House Committee Report recommending bill be passed by Federal and State Affairs

SB 176 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Limiting negotiations under the professional negotiations act	In Senate Education	02/18/2015 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Education: Monday, 2/23, 1:30 PM, Rm 144-S
SB 179 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Limiting negotiations under the public employer-employee relations act	In Senate Commerce	03/18/2015 - Senate Scheduled Final Action in Commerce: Thursday, 3/19, 8:30 AM, Rm 548-S
H Sub for SB 193 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Requiring a degree prospectus for postsecondary degree programs	On General Orders in House	02/16/2016 - House Committee Report recommending substitute bill be passed by Education
SB 194 Senate Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee	Creating the Kansas public school security act	In Senate Corrections and Juvenile Justice	02/18/2015 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Corrections and Juvenile Justice: Monday, 2/23, 9:30 AM, Rm 118-N
SB 273 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Creating the classroom learning assuring student success act; making and concerning appropriations for fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, June 30, 2016, and June 30, 2017, for the department of education	In Senate Ways and Means	03/06/2015 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Ways and Means: Tuesday, 3/10, 9:00 AM, Rm 582-N
SB 294 Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	Creating the education finance act of 2015; making and concerning appropriations for fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, for the department of education	In Senate Education In Senate Ways and Means	03/24/2015 - Senate Scheduled Hearing (cont.) in Education: Wednesday, 3/25, 12:00 PM, Rm 582-N
SB 299 Senate Assessment	Providing working after retirement requirements for certain KPERS retirants who return to work with covered employers including	In Senate Select Committee on KPERS	04/21/2015 - Senate Scheduled Action in Select Committee on KPERS:

and Taxation Committee	benefit and contribution provisions while extending current sunset for teachers to July 1, 2016		Wednesday, 4/29, 1:00 PM, Rm 118-N
SB 300 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Education; amendments regarding virtual school state aid, supplemental general state aid, capital outlay state aid and capital improvement state aid	In Senate Ways and Means	05/04/2015 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Ways and Means: Wednesday, 5/6, 1:30 PM, Rm 548-S
SB 302 Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	Statewide excise tax levy of \$3 per acre on the ownership of real property for the purpose of school finance	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	05/01/2015 - Senate Referred to Assessment and Taxation
Sub for SB 323 Senate Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee	Creating the Jason Flatt act; requiring suicide prevention training for school district personnel	In House Education	02/23/2016 - House Referred to Education
SB 342 Senate Education Committee	Creating the student online personal protection act	In Senate Ways and Means	02/23/2016 - Senate Withdrawn from Calendar; referred to Ways and Means
SB 348 Tom Hawk, D-22nd	Prohibitions on carrying concealed handguns in postsecondary educational institution buildings	In Senate Federal and State Affairs	01/22/2016 - Senate Referred to Federal and State Affairs
SB 356 Senate Education Committee	Creating the school district bond project review board	In Senate Ways and Means	02/23/2016 - Senate Withdrawn from Education; referred to Ways and Means

SB 388 Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	Requiring the state board of regents to adopt a policy on awarding credit hours based on CLEP test results	On General Orders in Senate	02/23/2016 - Senate Committee of the Whole: Be passed over and retain a place on the Calendar
SB 444 Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	Creating a language assessment program for children who are deaf or hard of hearing	In Senate Education	02/12/2016 - Senate Referred to Education
HB 2027 House Education Committee	Requiring school district and state department of education audits; creating the efficient operation of schools task force	In House Education	01/16/2015 - House Referred to Education
HB 2028 House Education Committee	Creating the Kansas education standards study commission	In House Education	02/06/2015 - House Scheduled Discussion and Possible Action in Education: Tuesday, 2/10/2015, 1:30 PM, Rm 112-N
HB 2034 House Education Committee	School district; reducing negotiable terms and conditions in the professional negotiations act	Stricken from House calendar	03/04/2015 - House Stricken from Calendar, House Rule 1507
HB 2035 House Education Committee	Amending the tax credit for low income students scholarship program act	In House Education	01/20/2015 - House Referred to Education
HB 2078 House Veterans, Military and Homeland	Requiring school districts to adopt school safety and security policies and plans	In House Education	02/11/2015 - House Scheduled Discussion and Possible Action in Education: Monday, 2/16, 1:30 PM, Rm

Security Committee			112-N
HB 2099	Authorizing school districts to administer certain surveys and questionnaires under the student data privacy act	In House Education	02/06/2015 - House Scheduled Hearing in Education: Friday, 2/13/2015, 1:30 PM, Rm 112-N
House Education Committee			
HB 2199	School districts; human sexuality education; policies and procedures	On General Orders in House	02/17/2016 - House Committee Report recommending bill be passed by Education
House Education Committee			
HB 2207	Development and implementation of ethnic studies in schools	On General Orders in House	02/16/2016 - House Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Education
House Education Committee			
HB 2220	Teachers' contracts; due process	In House Education	02/04/2015 - House Referred to Education
Brandon Whipple, D-96th			
HB 2232	Personal financial literacy course as a requirement for high school graduation	In House Education	02/11/2015 - House Scheduled Discussion and Possible Action in Education: Monday, 2/16, 1:30 PM, Rm 112-N
House Federal and State Affairs Committee			
HB 2253	Extending special employment after retirement provisions under KPERS for certain retirants who are teachers	On General Orders in House	03/24/2015 - House Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Pensions and Benefits
House Pensions and Benefits Committee			

HB 2262 House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Providing a compliance deadline and penalties for non-compliance with the student data privacy act	In House Education	03/04/2015 - House Scheduled Discussion and Possible Action in Education: Thursday, 3/12, 1:30 PM, Rm 112-N
HB 2266 House Appropriations Committee	Requiring postsecondary education institutions to adopt a policy on sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking	In House Education	03/04/2015 - House Scheduled Discussion and Possible Action in Education: Monday, 3/9, 1:30 PM, Rm 112-N
Sub for HB 2292 House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Development and establishment of K-12 curriculum standards	On General Orders in House	02/18/2016 - House Committee Report recommending substitute bill be passed by Education
HB 2325 House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development Committee	Enacting the public employee bargaining transparency act	In House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development	02/04/2016 - House Scheduled Discussion and Possible Action in Commerce, Labor and Economic Development: Tuesday, 2/9, 1:30 PM, Rm 346-S
HB 2345 House Judiciary Committee	Prohibiting school board members from having a conflict of interest	In House Appropriations	02/26/2015 - House Withdrawn from Education; referred to Appropriations
HB 2394 House Appropriations Committee	Career technical education incentive draw down	On General Orders in House	03/09/2015 - House Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Education Budget

HB 2403 House Appropriations Committee	Creating the classroom learning assuring student success act; making and concerning appropriations for fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, June 30, 2016, and June 30, 2017, for the department of education	In House Appropriations	03/09/2015 - House Scheduled Discussion (cont.) in Appropriations: Tuesday, 3/10, 9:00 AM, Rm 112-N
HB 2409 House Taxation Committee	Eliminating property tax exemption from statewide school levy for property used for residential purposes to the extent of \$20,000 of its appraised value	In House Taxation	03/17/2015 - House Scheduled Hearing in Taxation: Thursday, 3/19, 3:30 PM, Rm 582-N
HB 2426 House Appropriations Committee	KPERS; definition of compensation for purposes of computing final average salary	In House Appropriations	01/11/2016 - House Withdrawn from Commerce, Labor and Economic Development; referred to Appropriations
HB 2457 House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Amending the tax credit for low income students scholarship program act	On General Orders in House	02/09/2016 - House Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Education
HB 2486 House Education Committee	Creating the school district bond project review board	In House Appropriations	02/23/2016 - House Withdrawn from Education; referred to Appropriations
HB 2504 House Federal and State Affairs Committee	School district realignment	In House Education	01/27/2016 - House Scheduled Hearing in Education: Wednesday, 2/3, 1:30 PM, Rm 112-N
HB 2526	Prohibitions on carrying concealed handguns in	In House Federal and	01/26/2016 - House Referred to Federal and State

House Appropriations Committee	postsecondary educational institution buildings	State Affairs	Affairs
HB 2531	Eliminating due process for certain postsecondary teachers	In House Appropriations	02/22/2016 - House Withdrawn from Calendar; referred to Appropriations
House Education Committee			
HB 2532	Including financial literacy as an educational capacity	Killed in House	02/22/2016 - House Emergenced to Final Action: Not passed; Yeas 43, Nays 81
House Education Committee			
HB 2533	Creating the student online personal protection act	In House Education	01/27/2016 - House Referred to Education
House Education Committee			

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HB 2534	Amendments to the freedom from unsafe restraint and seclusion act	In House Appropriations	02/10/2016 - House Withdrawn from Children and Seniors; referred to Appropriations
House Children and Seniors Committee			
HB 2588	Requiring encryption of student data	In House Education	02/10/2016 - House Scheduled Hearing and Possible Action in Education: Monday, 2/15, 12:00 PM, Rm 112-N
House Education Committee			
HB 2596	Creating the classroom-based funding act	In House	02/10/2016 - House

House Education Budget Committee		Education	Scheduled Hearing in Education: Tuesday, 2/16, 1:30 PM, Rm 112-N
HB 2622	Board of regents; updating fees and making amendments to the Kansas private and out-of-state postsecondary educational institution act	Passed in House	02/23/2016 - House Emergencied to Final Action: Passed; Yeas 86, Nays 39
House Education Committee			
HB 2630	Amending the special education for exceptional children act	In House Education	02/09/2016 - House Referred to Education
House Education Committee			
HB 2653	Striking sunset to KPERS school working after retirement exception and extending certain working after retirement exceptions upon submission of an assurance protocol and allowing retirants to return to work for a different participating employer when such employer pays a 30% contribution rate	In House Pensions and Benefits	02/16/2016 - House Scheduled Discussion and Possible Action in Pensions and Benefits: Wednesday, 2/17, 9:00 AM, Rm 152-S
House Pensions and Benefits Committee			
HB 2656	Providing a working after retirement exception for KPERS school members who retire at age 62 or later	In House Pensions and Benefits	02/16/2016 - House Scheduled Hearing in Pensions and Benefits: Wednesday, 2/17, 9:00 AM, Rm 152-S
House Pensions and Benefits Committee			
HB 2663	Creating the school district finance and quality performance act of 2016	In House Education	02/11/2016 - House Referred to Education
Henry Helgerson, D-83rd			
HB 2676	Development and establishment of K-12 curriculum standards	In House Education	02/11/2016 - House Referred to Education
Joseph Scapa, R-88th			

HB 2698	Requiring school districts to adopt certain policies against bullying, harassment and cyberbullying	In House Appropriations	02/23/2016 - House Withdrawn from Education; referred to Appropriations
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