



KHA's Capitol Comments
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House and Senate Work Through Bills

Today, the House and Senate worked bills in their chambers of origin. Among the work of the House was debate on the following:

[House Bill 2353](#), concerning the care and treatment act for mentally ill persons; increasing the time allowed for an initial continued treatment order; adding criteria to determine when outpatient treatment may be ordered.

[House Bill 2487](#), an act concerning crimes and punishment and criminal procedure, relating to controlled substances; providing immunity from prosecution for certain drug crimes when persons seek or provide medical assistance related to the use of a controlled substance.

[House Bill 2614](#), an act concerning administrative rules and regulations, requiring state agencies to provide notice of revocation thereof; removing certain abolished or inactive state agencies from the five-year state agency review requirement.

[Sub for HB 2570](#); an act concerning employment security law; relating the definition of benefit year, temporary unemployment, wages subject to statewide average weekly wage; referencing certain new definitions for purposes of the annual determination by the secretary of the maximum weekly benefit amount; etc.

[House Bill 2751](#), an act concerning the Kansas department of aging and disability services; relating to licensure of providers of disability services; authorizing the department to condition or restrict a license therefor; granting the secretary authority to grant regulation waivers unrelated to health and safety; adding a definition of day service provider; authorizing correction orders and civil fines to be appealed to the secretary.

[House Bill 2484](#), an act concerning the behavioral sciences, relating to social work, enacting the social work licensure compact to provide interstate practice privileges, requiring applicants for social work licensure to submit to a criminal history record check; authorizing the behavioral sciences regulatory board to establish a fee for a license with compact practice privileges.

[House Bill 2596](#), an act concerning controlled substances; adding and removing certain substances in schedules I, II, IV and V of the uniform controlled substances act; making conforming changes to the criminal code definition of fentanyl-related controlled substances.

[House Bill 2579](#), An act concerning health professions and practices; relating to the board of emergency medical services; authorized activities; authorizing distribution of non-prescription over-the-counter medications.

[House Bill 2637](#), An act concerning hospitals; relating to the rural emergency hospital licensure; expanding eligibility to facilities that meet criteria between January 2015 and December 2020.

[House Bill 2536](#), An act concerning children and minors; relating to revised Kansas code for care of children; establishing SOUL family legal permanency as a permanency option for children in need of care who are 16 years of age or older, allowing courts to establish SOUL family legal permanency; defining SOUL family legal permanency.

[House Bill 2547](#), An act concerning schools; relating to student health, authorizing the maintenance of emergency medication kits for certain life-threatening condition, requiring a prescription for distribution of emergency medication to schools; providing requirements for the administration of emergency medication by school personnel, training; exempting certain persons from the practice of healing arts and civil liability if acting in good faith.

[House Bill 2629](#), An act concerning children and minors; relating to the state child death review board; replacing sudden infant death with sudden unexplained infant death; requiring the secretary for health and environment to provide a death certificate to the state child death review board; listing requirements for notification of a deceased child; increasing the number of members appointed by the state board of healing arts to the state child death review board; allowing for compensation for board members; providing for the disclosure of certain records to certain persons for securing grants and public officials for supplemental information to the board's annual review.

These bills will be up for a final vote before they go to the Senate for further committee review.

The Senate debated today bills before their chamber including:

[Senate Bill 423](#); an act concerning insurance, reducing the number of board members appointed by the commissioner on certain insurance-related governing boards and the frequency of the meetings of the committee on surety bonds and insurance.

[Senate Bill 338](#), an act concerning insurance, relating to group-funded liability and group-funded workers compensation pools, changing certain reporting requirements.

[Senate Bill 434](#), an act concerning public health, relating to the practice of cosmetology, exempting the practice of hair removal by sugaring from the definition of cosmetology.

[Senate Bill 398](#), an act concerning insurance, relating to the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the commissioner of insurance; authorizing the commissioner of insurance to set the amount of certain fees; requiring the publication of such fees in the Kansas register.

These bills will have final votes and go to the House.