

## Aligned Priority Bill Update—Kansas

### Student Well-Being & School Environment

#### **Bell-to-Bell Cell Phone Ban**

**SB 302** - *Requiring school districts to prohibit the use of personal electronic communication devices during instructional time and prohibiting any employee of a school district from using social media to directly communicate with any student for official school purposes.*

- Senate Education Hearing Thursday January 15, 2026, at 1:30  
[\*\(Aligned Submitted Supportive Testimony\)\*](#)
- Seante Floor Hearing: *TBD*

#### **30 Minute Recess Requirement**

**SB 339** - *Requiring school districts to provide at least 30 minutes of daily recess time for students in grades kindergarten through five and designating such time as part of the school term.*

- Senate Education Hearing Thursday January 22 at 1:30  
[\*\(Aligned Submitted Supportive Testimony\)\*](#)

#### **Potty Training Bill**

**HB 2486** - *Requiring children to be toilet trained to enroll in and attend kindergarten in any public school and providing certain exceptions thereto.*

- Hearing Scheduled for Thursday January 29, 2026  
[\*\(Aligned Submitted Supportive Testimony\)\*](#)

#### **Age-appropriate School Device Act**

**SB 350:** *Enacting the age-appropriate school device act to establish safety standards and requirements for the use of school-issued devices in certain grade levels and authorizing parents to opt students out of certain uses of such devices.*

- Referred to Seante Education Committee

## **Education Funding & Affordability**

### **Modernizing Kansas Scholarship Tax Credits**

[HB2468](#) *Electing to participate in the federal tax credit for individual contributions to scholarship granting organizations and increasing the aggregate tax credit limit on the tax credit for low income students scholarship program.*

- House Education Hearing: Wednesday, January 21, 2026, 1:30  
[\(Aligned Submitted Supportive Testimony\)](#)

### **Amending the KS Promise Scholarship Act**

[SB 340](#) *Prohibiting promise scholarship awards from being used to fund corequisite courses.*

- Introduced in the Senate

### **Extension of the 2027 Sunset for the School Finance Formula**

[SB342](#) - *Extending the expiration date of the Kansas school equity and enhancement act from 2027 to 2028*

- Introduced on January 20, 2026

## **Education Pathways**

### **Postsecondary Course Agreements**

[SB341](#) - *Providing requirements for agreements between a school district and a postsecondary educational institution for the provision of postsecondary courses taught in secondary schools.*

- Hearing in Seante Education Committee on January 22 at 1:30  
[\(Aligned Submitted Supportive Testimony\)](#)

### **CREDIT ACT**

[HB 2530](#) - *Enacting the career readiness education development innovation transferability (CREDIT) act to require high schools to administer career readiness assessments to students and provide for the transferability of credentials earned through such assessments toward a degree.*

- Hearing: Monday, January 26, 2026, at 1:30

## **Transparency and Accountability**

### **Longitudinal Student Achievement & Assessment Flexibility**

[HB 2482](#)- *modernizes Kansas's student assessment policy while reinforcing the state's commitment to longitudinal student achievement data.*

- House K-12 Education Hearing Wednesday February 4 at 3:30

### **Parental Consent for Mental Health Services**

[HB 2420](#) - *Requiring school districts to obtain parental consent prior to providing certain school-based mental health services to a student.*

- House Education Hearing Thursday January 22 at 1:30  
*(Aligned Submitted Supportive Testimony)*

### **Teacher Background Checks**

[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.*

- Hearing Tuesday January 20 at 10:30  
*(Aligned Submitted Supportive Testimony)*