

Aligned Priority Bill Update—Kansas

Student Well-Being & School Environment

Bell-to-Bell Cell Phone Ban

[S Sub for HB 2299](#) - Providing that certain statutory references to accredited nonpublic schools mean nonpublic schools accredited by the state board of education, requiring that schools accredited by a national or regional accrediting agency shall have the same rights as schools accredited by the state board, requiring school districts and accredited nonpublic schools to prohibit the use of personal electronic communication devices during the school day and prohibiting employees of a school district from using social media to communicate with students for official school purposes.

- Passed the Senate 32-4
- Passed House 84-39
- Signed into Law 3/19/26

[Bill Explainer](#)

[\(Aligned Submitted Supportive Testimony\)](#)

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: Passed 24-15
- House: Pending General Orders

[\(Aligned Submitted Supportive Testimony\)](#)

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.

- Hearing Tuesday March 3, 2026

[\(Aligned Submitted Supportive Testimony\)](#)

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: Passed the House 70-49

- Senate: Passed 27-13

- Sent to Governor's desk

[\(Aligned Submitted Supportive Testimony\)](#)

Amending the KS Promise Scholarship Act

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

- Senate: Passed Senate 40-0

- House: Pending General Orders

[\(Aligned Submitted Supportive Testimony\)](#)

Pilot Outcomes-Based Funding Model for Technical Colleges

[SB437](#) - *Establishing the technical college funding task force to design and make recommendations for a pilot outcomes-based funding model for Kansas technical colleges.*

- Pending Senate General Orders

[\(Aligned Submitted Supportive Testimony\)](#)

Education Pathways

Kansas Blueprint for Literacy Implementation

[SB 517](#) - *Expanding the every child can read act reporting requirements and amending the Kansas blueprint for literacy to provide certain requirements for the state board of education, the state board of regents and school districts with regard to literacy education and reporting.*

- Senate: Passed Senate 39-1

ACT WorkKeys

[HB 2530](#) - *Substitute for HB 2530 by Committee on Education - Providing for the transferability of credentials earned through ACT workkeys career readiness assessments towards a degree.*

- House: Passed House: 124-0

- Senate: Referred to Senate Education Committee

Special Education Teacher Training Pilot

[SB 440](#) - *Authorizing a special education pilot program that provides provisional accreditation to a private entity for the purpose of operating a special education teacher training program, allowing such entity to collect data from such program and providing requirements for full accreditation of such program.*

- Hearing Cancelled

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: Passed House 121-1
- Senate: Passed Senate 39-1
- Sent to Governor's desk
(Aligned Submitted Supportive Testimony)

Federal Funds Reporting Requirement

[HB 2618](#) - Requiring the state board of education to report to the legislature on federal moneys that are received by the state.

- House: Passed House 102-20
- Senate: Passed Senate 40-0
- Sent to Governor's desk
(Aligned Submitted Supportive Testimony)

Foster Care School Choice and Record Transfer

[HB 2320](#) - Authorizing children in the custody of the secretary of the department for children and families to attend school in any school district, requiring records for such students to be timely transferred between school districts and requiring a transportation plan if the child remains in the school of origin.

- House: Passed House 122-0
- Senate: Passed Senate 40-0
- Sent to Governor's desk
(Aligned Submitted Supportive Testimony)

Evidence-Based Achievement Plans for At-Risk Students

[HB 2663](#) - Modifying the requirements for student cohorts and achievement goals for school district at-risk accountability plans.

- House: Passed House 124-0
- Senate: Referred to Education Committee
(Aligned Submitted Supportive Testimony)

Addressing Workforce Needs

Childcare Tax Credit

[SB 521](#) - *Providing for credits for payment of employee's child care and contributions to a third party for increased child care options.*

- Senate: Passed 34-6

- House: Pending Action

[\(Aligned Submitted Supportive Testimony\)](#)

Bills No Longer Active Following Turnaround

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.*

[\(Aligned Submitted Supportive Testimony\)](#)

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.*

[\(Aligned Submitted Supportive Testimony\)](#)

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*

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.*

[\(Aligned Submitted Supportive Testimony\)](#)

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.*

[\(Aligned Submitted Supportive Testimony\)](#)

Teacher Support Bill

HB 2673 - *Establishing the positive learning environment act to provide for certain rights for teachers and require school districts to adopt school management plans to address behavioral infractions by students.*