

Aligned Priority Bill Update—Kansas

Student Well-Being & School Environment

***House* Bell-to-Bell Cell Phone Ban**

[House Sub for SB 281](#) - Requiring school districts to prohibit the use of personal electronic communication devices during school hours, prohibiting any employee of a school district from using social media to directly communicate with any student for official school purposes and requiring school districts to report on the amount of screen time that certain students experience during a typical school day.

- House: Passed House 75-48

- Senate: Hearing in Senate Education (Feb. 24)

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

***Senate* 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.

- BLESSED

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

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.

- BLESSED

Education Funding & Affordability

*****Blessed Indicates:** The bill was referred to an exempt committee before the turnaround deadline, allowing it to remain alive in the legislative process instead of becoming a dead bill.

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: Pending Senate Committee Referral
(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.*

- BLESSED

Education Pathways

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: Pending Committee Referral

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.*

- BLESSED

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.*

*****Blessed Indicates:** *The bill was referred to an exempt committee before the turnaround deadline, allowing it to remain alive in the legislative process instead of becoming a dead bill.*

- House: Passed House 121-1
- Senate: Pending Committee Referral
(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: Pending Committee Referral
(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: Pending Committee Referral
(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: Pending Committee Referral
(Aligned Submitted Supportive Testimony)

CEP Decision Transparency

SB 438 - Requiring eligible boards of education to consider participation in the community eligibility program, providing a financial hardship exception from such participation and requiring the state department of education to assist school districts seeking such participation.

- BLESSED

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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)

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.*

(Aligned Submitted Supportive Testimony)

Amending the KS Promise Scholarship Act

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

(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.*