

Aligned Priorities:

[HB 2596](#) - Allows school districts to contract with a transportation network company (TNC) to transport eight or fewer students to and from school functions. Under this bill, the same State Board of Education rules and regulations used to govern school buses would be changed to address single passenger cars and vans.

- *Hearing was held on Wednesday, February 9 in the House Transportation Committee. The [Committee on Transportation](#) recommended the bill be passed as amended. Aligned testified in support of this bill.*

[HB2414](#) - Eliminating the reduction of child day care assistance tax credit in subsequent years and limitations on eligible corporations and providing a credit for employer payments to organizations for child day care services access. Right now, due to a change in tax policy in 2013, only large corporations and financial institutions are eligible for the credit. HB 2414 would allow any business – large or small – to offset the cost of providing childcare for their employees.

- *No Change; Aligned supports this bill.*

Other education bills we are watching:

[HB2466](#) - This bill would require computer science for graduation for all Kansas students starting in 2026. While we like the idea of offering computer science for all students, I believe the graduation requirement should be left to the SBOE's graduation requirement committee. Bill sponsor, Rep Huebert, has mentioned that he will pull out the graduation requirement language with an amendment.

- The [Committee on Education](#) recommended the substitute bill be passed Thursday this week.

[HB 2662](#), referred to as the Parents' Bill of Rights, was introduced Wednesday. The bill requires school districts to provide information on materials used in the classroom and outlines ways to challenge school materials.

- A hearing was held on Wednesday (Feb. 16) before the [House K-12 Education Budget Committee](#). The committee recommended passage with amendments Thursday evening. It will now go to the floor of the full House.

[HB 2615](#) - Authorizing school districts to provide alternative educational opportunities outside of the classroom for course credit.

- A hearing was held on Monday, February 14 in Committee on [House K-12 Education Budget Committee](#).

[HB 2631](#) - Enacting the career technical education credential and transition incentive for employment success act to provide additional state aid for school districts based on students obtaining a credential.

- Referred to [Committee on Education](#) February 8. Aligned supports the promotion and attainment of industry recognized credentials for all students.

[SB 455](#) - Allowing K-12 students to transfer to and attend school in any school district in the state.

- Referred to [Committee on Education](#) February 9.

[HB2550](#) - Establishing the student empowerment act to provide education savings accounts for certain students to use to attend participating private schools.

- A hearing was held on Feb 1 before the [House K-12 Education Budget Committee](#).

[HB2553](#) - Allowing K-12 students to transfer to and attend school in any school district in the state

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[HB2511](#) - Authorizing certain students to participate in activities regulated by the Kansas state high school activities association and making members of or persons employed by the Kansas state high school activities association mandatory reporters of child abuse and neglect.

- A hearing was held on Jan 31 before the [House K-12 Education Budget Committee](#).

[HB 2626](#) – Regarding the teacher service scholarship program; making and concerning appropriations for the program for fiscal years ending June 30, 2023, June 30, 2024, June 30, 2025, June 30, 2026, and June 30, 2027, for the state board of regents.

[SB 456](#) - Regarding the teacher service scholarship program; making and concerning appropriations for the program for fiscal years ending June 30, 2023, June 30, 2024, June 30, 2025, June 30, 2026, and June 30, 2027, for the state board of regents to fund such scholarships.

[HB 2593](#) - Reducing the KPERS working after retirement employer contribution rate to only the statutory rate and decreasing the waiting period to 60 days for certain retirants employed by a school district for a period ending June 30, 2024.

[HB 2639](#) - Reducing the KPERS working after retirement waiting period to 30 days for all retirants for a period ending June 30, 2023.