

# LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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The second half of the 2021 Legislative Session is underway. Legislators returned to Topeka on Wednesday to kick off an intense two and a half weeks of committee meetings, dedicated to reviewing and debating bills that were passed by the opposite house last month. The last week of March and first week of April are dedicated to floor debates and conference committees, aimed at wrapping up the session's business. The regular session is expected to conclude on April 9.

Though over 700 bills have been introduced this session, the balance of the session is designed to focus on the bills which have already passed one chamber. It is likely to see policy such as tax reform, education choice and sports wagering discussed while the House and Senate continue compiling their budget.

Due to the Turnaround deadline rules, the following bills are inactive until next session:

- SB 129, KDHA's Dental Therapy Bill.
- SB 121, which proposes to allow the Kansas Dental Board to take disciplinary action against a dental licensee for failing to perform an examination of a patient prior to diagnosing and correcting malpositions of human teeth or initial use of orthodontic appliances.
- SB 227, which would update the Dental Practice Act introduced by Oral Health Kansas.
- HB 2386, which would establish requirements for the payment and reimbursement of dental services by a dental benefit plan.

It is possible new legislation related to the dental industry may be introduced in an exempt committee but will most likely not be considered until next session.

Thank you and please let us know if you have any questions. Please see below for the bill matrix.

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Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action
<a href="#">SB 10</a> Richard Hilderbrand, R-13th	Enacting the right to earn a living act to minimize unnecessary occupational licensing and regulation	In Senate Commerce	<b>01/20/2021 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing in Commerce: Wednesday, 1/27, 10:30 AM, Rm 546-S
<a href="#">SB 34</a> Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Sunsetting administrative rules and regulations five years after adoption unless extended by the legislature	In Senate Federal and State Affairs	<b>01/21/2021 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing in Federal and State Affairs: Tuesday, 1/26, 10:30 AM, Rm 144-S
<a href="#">SB 121</a> Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee	Updating certain provisions of the Kansas dental practice act	In Senate Public Health and Welfare	<b>02/02/2021 - Senate</b> Referred to Public Health and Welfare
<a href="#">SB 129</a> Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee	Providing for the licensure of dental therapists	In Senate Public Health and Welfare	<b>02/10/2021 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing in Public Health and Welfare: Wednesday, 2/17, 8:30 AM, Rm 142-S
<a href="#">SB 137</a> Senate Commerce Committee	Expanding the military spouse and service member's expedited licensure law to all applicants who have established or intend to establish residency in Kansas, providing for licenses in an emergency declared by the legislature, allowing telemedicine by out-of-state healthcare providers and permitting the use of electronic credentials	In Senate Commerce	<b>02/17/2021 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing in Commerce: Tuesday, 2/23, 10:30 AM, Rm 546-S
<a href="#">SB 227</a> Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee	Providing dental benefits for medicaid enrollees and making technical updates to the dental practices act	In Senate Public Health and Welfare	<b>02/12/2021 - Senate</b> Referred to Public Health and Welfare

<a href="#">HB 2061</a> House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Increasing the minimum age to purchase or possess cigarettes and tobacco products from 18 to 21, and prohibiting cigarette vending machines and flavored vaping products	In House Federal and State Affairs	<b>01/14/2021 - House</b> Referred to Federal and State Affairs
<a href="#">Sub for HB 2066</a> Chris Croft, R-8th	Expanding the military spouse and service member's expedited licensure law to all applicants who have established or intend to establish residency in Kansas	In Senate Federal and State Affairs	<b>03/10/2021 - Senate</b> Referred to Federal and State Affairs
<a href="#">HB 2129</a> House Insurance and Pensions Committee	Providing for tobacco cessation benefits coverage under the state health care benefits program	In House Insurance and Pensions	<b>02/03/2021 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing in Insurance and Pensions: Wednesday, 2/10, 3:30 PM, Rm 218-N
<a href="#">HB 2179</a> House Health and Human Services Committee	Providing for the licensure of dental therapists	In House Health and Human Services	<b>01/29/2021 - House</b> Referred to Health and Human Services
<a href="#">HB 2340</a> House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Increasing the minimum age to 21 to purchase or possess cigarettes and tobacco products	On General Orders in House	<b>03/01/2021 - House</b> Committee Report recommending bill be passed, by Federal and State Affairs
<a href="#">HB 2370</a> House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development Committee	Prohibiting a criminal conviction from acting as a sole disqualification for occupational licensure and creating guidelines to follow when considering criminal convictions of an applicant for occupational licensure	In House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development	<b>02/12/2021 - House</b> Referred to Commerce, Labor and Economic Development
<a href="#">HB 2386</a> House Health and Human Services Committee	Establishing requirements for the payment and reimbursement of dental services by a dental benefit plan	In House Health and Human Services	<b>02/15/2021 - House</b> Referred to Health and Human Services