

# LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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The second half of the 2021 Regular Session is on the downhill slide. This week was pretty much the last week for committees to meet as they wrap up business on lingering issues. Next week, the Senate and House plan to spend each day debating and passing bills while the first week of April is reserved for conference committees. By the end of regular session on April 9, most pending legislation that has not been resolved will be pushed to next year, save for a handful of bills that could see action during the veto session in May.

Sports wagering, education policy and funding, medical marijuana, tax policy and the state budget promise to gain attention next week. The Senate has already passed its budget bill while the House is poised to consider its version in the coming days. Both chambers hope to push forward tax relief, though it will take time to reconcile the different approaches. There is a desire to create legal platforms for sports wagering, though other gaming issues complicate the process.

The House Health Committee has wrapped up its business while the Senate Public Health & Welfare Committee gained permission to hold two more meetings next week. This committee created a buzz when it approved Substitute for SB 212. The combined bill contains language to prohibit an employer from taking any adverse action against an employee because of their vaccination status, says a person is immune from civil liability for damages for exposing another person arising from a lack of vaccination, as well as prevents the Kansas Department of Health and Environment from requiring additional immunizations to attend school. The Kansas Chamber and Kansas Medical Society oppose the bill.

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 Conference Committee	<b>03/25/2021 - Senate</b> Acceded; appointed

			Alley, Hilderbrand and Faust-Goudeau
<b>Related Bills:</b>			
S Sub for HB 2208: Modified language from HB 2066 added to HB 2208 by House Committee			
<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