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Elections
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SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION

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Sen. Tom Holland
Sen. Dan Kerschen

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Rep. Ken Corbet
Rep. Tom Sawyer
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STUDY TOPIC

Review and Monitor State Revenue Sources and Analyze Implementation of the Tax Lid

The Committee will review major state revenue sources and changes in state tax policy enacted in recent years; monitor implementation of the new individual income tax law by the Department of Revenue; conduct an overview of the State General Fund finances as it relates to FY 2018 and FY 2019; analyze additional issues involving taxation by local units of government, including implementation of the tax lid; and make any recommendations deemed appropriate to the 2018 Legislature.

Approved Meeting Days: 2 days
STUDY TOPIC

Study and Make Recommendations Regarding the Sales Tax and Revenue (STAR) Bond Financing Act and Other Incentive Programs

The Committee is to study the effectiveness of the Sales Tax and Revenue (STAR) Bond Financing Act and other incentive programs with a similar purpose, as identified by Committee, and may make any recommendations to ensure Kansas continues to provide a framework for future economic growth.

Approved Meeting Days: 2 days
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON A COMPREHENSIVE RESPONSE TO
THE SCHOOL FINANCE DECISION

Senate
Sen. Molly Baumgardner, Vice-chairperson
Sen. Jim Denning
Sen. Anthony Hensley
Sen. Carolyn McGinn
Sen. Rick Wilborn

House
Rep. Blaine Finch, Chairperson
Rep. Larry Campbell
Rep. Steve Johnson
Rep. Ed Trimmer
Rep. Troy Waymaster
Rep. Valdenia Winn

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Tamara Lawrence
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Connie Burns, Committee Assistant

CHARGE

● Review and Analyze the recent Gannon v. State of Kansas decision;

● Identify the responses available to the Legislature and the consequences of each; and

● Explore options to reduce or eliminate the perpetual cycle of conflict over school finance and end the perennial and recurrent threat of school closures.

Approved Meeting Days: 3 days
### SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS

**Senate**
- Sen. Elaine Bowers, Vice-chairperson
- Sen. Oletha Faust-Goudeau
- Sen. Steve Fitzgerald

**House**
- Rep. Keith Esau, Chairperson
- Rep. Vic Miller
- Rep. Jack Thimesch
- Rep. John Whitmer

**Kansas Legislative Research Department**
- Joanna Dolan
- Jill Shelley
- Katelin Neikirk
- Leslie Wolfe, Committee Assistant

**Office of Revisor of Statutes**
- Mike Heim
- Chuck Reimer

### STUDY TOPIC

**Study and Make Recommendation Regarding Ranked Choice Voting.**

The Committee is to study, review, and make recommendations regarding the implementation of a ranked choice voting system, where the winner of the election must get a majority (not just a plurality) of the votes.

Approved Meeting Days: 1 day
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INSURANCE

Senator

Sen. Jeff Longbine, Chairperson
Sen. Rick Billinger
Sen. Lynn Rogers

Rep. Jim Kelly, Vice-chairperson
Rep. Cindy Neighbor
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STUDY TOPIC

Review of 2017 legislation affecting certain consumer loans and the Uniform Consumer Credit Code (UCCC) [HB 2267] and 2017 legislation modifying automobile liability insurance policy requirements [HB 2104]

The Committee is directed to:

- Study the impact of 2017 HB 2267. This review would include a study of current finance charges, rates, and terms under the UCCC; the impact of the proposed legislation and potential modifications related to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau’s anticipated Final Rule on small dollar lending on financial institutions, loan companies, and Kansas consumers; and the current regulatory environment in Kansas; and

- Review the potential impact associated with amendments to the Insurance Code governing automobile liability insurance policies contained in 2017 HB 2104. Such study should include a review of insurance policy pricing and the marketplace, cost estimates and other available data relating to impact on premiums and policyholders, and pertinent driver data.

Approved Meeting Days: 1 day
STUDY TOPIC

Study Telehealth and Telemedicine and Consider 2017 Legislation

The Committee is directed to:

- Study the subjects of telehealth and telemedicine in order to increase and improve health care access for all Kansans;

- Review and consider 2017 HB 2206, which addresses coverage of telemedicine in health insurance policies and contracts; and

- Review and consider 2017 HB 2254, which addresses the practice and delivery of telehealth services by certain providers.

Approved Meeting Days: 2 days
STUDY TOPIC

Study and Make Recommendations Regarding the Funding of the State Water Plan Fund

The Committee is directed to:

- Review current and historical State Water Plan funding, projects, and recommendations of the Governor’s Blue-Ribbon Water Funding Task Force;

- Discuss possible funding options based on state-wide needs, priorities, and realistic funding options with agency officials, stakeholders, and interested members of the public; and

- Propose introduction of legislation for the 2018 Legislative Session.

Approved Meeting Days: 2 days
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES

Sen. Rob Olson, Chairperson
Sen. Tom Hawk
Sen. Mike Petersen

Rep. Joe Seiwert, Vice-chairperson
Rep. Randy Garber
Rep. Annie Kuether
Rep. Mark Schreiber

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Heather O’Hara
James Fisher

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Matt Sterling
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STUDY TOPIC

Study and Make Recommendations Regarding Rural Broadband Deployment

The Committee is directed to identify ways to get broadband services deployed to all Kansans at affordable rates, including, but not limited to, discussion of the following topics:

- Consider incentives for broadband deployment in unserved and underserved areas of the state;

- Consider whether guidelines should exist regarding overbuilding an existing provider in order to reach and affordably serve unserved and underserved Kansans;

- Define unserved and underserved in terms of broadband speeds, affordability, length of time a digital divide between urban and rural areas should exist because advanced delivery technologies are not installed;

- Establish what technologies should be supported as appropriate to deliver reliable, affordable broadband in Kansas; and

- Identify what actions the state can take to facilitate development of competitive broadband markets in rural areas, including incentives for partnerships between communities, rural electric cooperatives, incumbent providers, and alternative providers.

Approved Meeting Days: 2 days
STATUTORY JOINT COMMITTEES

Administrative Rules and Regulations
Corrections and Juvenile Justice Oversight
Home and Community Based Services & KanCare
Oversight, Robert G. (Bob) Bethell
Information Technology
Kansas Security
Legislative Budget
Pensions, Investments and Benefits (Joint KPERS)
Special Claims Against the State
State Building Construction
State-Tribal Relations
JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS

Senate
Sen. Vicki Schmidt, Vice-chairperson
Sen. Oletha Faust-Goudeau
Sen. Tom Hawk
Sen. Carolyn McGinn
Sen. Caryn Tyson

House
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CHARGE

Review Proposed Administrative Rules and Regulations

- Review and comment on administrative rules and regulations promulgated by state agencies within the required 60-day comment period.

Approved Meeting Days: 4 days
JOINT COMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS AND JUVENILE JUSTICE OVERSIGHT

Senate

Sen. Molly Baumgardner, Vice-chairperson
Sen. Ed Berger
Sen. Oletha Faust-Goudeau
Sen. Pat Pettey
Sen. Mary Pilcher-Cook
Sen. Mary Jo Taylor
Sen. Rick Wilborn

House

Rep. J. Russell Jennings, Chairperson
Rep. Dennis “Boog” Hightberger, Ranking Minority Member
Rep. Larry Campbell
Rep. Sydney Carlin
Rep. Gail Finney
Rep. Susan Humphries
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CHARGE

KSA 2016 Supp. 46-2801 directs the Joint Committee to monitor inmate and juvenile offender populations and to review and study the programs, activities, plans, and operations of the Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC).

In addition, the Joint Committee is to study:

- Implementation of juvenile justice reform;
- Offense proportionality in the adult sentencing grid;
- Implications of juvenile immediate intervention program (diversion) and adjudication relating to future employment - use for impeachment of witness (Review and consider Judicial Council Report); and
- Criminal justice reforms efforts nationally.

Approved meeting days: 2 days
JOINT COMMITTEE ON HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES AND KANCARE
OVERSIGHT, ROBERT G. (BOB) BETHELL

Sen. Vicki Schmidt, Chairperson
Sen. Laura Kelly, Ranking Minority Member
Sen. Barbara Bollier
Sen. Bud Estes
Sen. Richard Hilderbrand

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CHARGE

Oversee Long-term Care Services

KSA 2016 Supp. 39-7,160 directs the Committee to oversee long-term care services, including home and community based services (HCBS). The Committee is to oversee the savings resulting from the transfer of individuals from state or private institutions to HCBS and to ensure that any proceeds resulting from the successful transfer be applied to the system for the provision of services for long-term care system. Further, the Committee is to oversee the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP), the Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), and the state Medicaid program (KanCare), and monitor and study the implementation and operations of these programs including, but not limited to, access to and quality of services provided and any financial information and budgetary issues.

Approved Meeting Days: 4 days
JOINT COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Senate

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Sen. Marci Francisco
Sen. Tom Holland
Sen. Dinah Sykes
Sen. Caryn Tyson

House

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Rep. Pam Curtis
Rep. Keith Esau
Rep. Kyle Hoffman
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CHARGE

Review, Monitor, and Report on Technology Plans and Expenditures

- Review and monitor state agency and institution technology plans and expenditures;
- Make recommendations to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and House Committee on Appropriations on implementation plans, budget estimates, and three-year strategic information technology plans of state agencies and institutions;
- Evaluate the status of the Kansas Eligibility Enforcement System (KEES) project;
- Evaluate the status of cybersecurity preparedness within the State;
- Follow up with the Department of Commerce on activity related to the data breach that occurred in March 2017;
- Allow members of the private sector to present relevant information to the Joint Committee; and
- Review IT security reports and IT project reports in Executive Session from the Legislative Division of Post Audit.

Approved Meeting Days: 3 days
JOINT COMMITTEE ON KANSAS SECURITY

Sen. Steve Fitzgerald, Vice-chairperson
Sen. John Doll
Sen. Dan Goddard
Sen. Pat Pettey
Sen. Lynn Rogers

Rep. Kevin Jones, Chairperson
Rep. Michael Houser
Rep. Jarrod Ousley
Rep. Louis Ruiz
Rep. Eric L. Smith

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CHARGE

Review Various Security Matters

KSA 46-3301 directs the Joint Committee to study, monitor, review, and make recommendations on matters related to the security of state officers or employees, state and other public buildings and other property and infrastructure in the state, and to consider measures for the improvement of security for the state. In addition, the Committee is authorized to address these additional topics:

- Emergency communications;
- Organization of private, civilian resources related to state emergency preparedness and security; and
- Resources and readiness of the Kansas National Guard.

Approved Meeting Days: 3 days
CHARGE

State Budget Issues

The Legislative Budget Committee is statutorily directed to:

- Compile fiscal information, study and make recommendations on the state budget, revenues, and expenditures, the organization and functions of the state, its departments, subdivisions, and agencies with a view of reducing the cost of state government and increasing efficiency and economy.

In addition to the statutory duties, the Budget Committee is to:

- Review changes to the approved budget for state agencies that will be submitted this interim including the new Performance Based Budgeting System;
- Review State General Fund receipts and the impact of statutory changes to be implemented in July;
- Review the implementation of the new School Finance Formula;
- Review the financial, possible procedural changes and Centers for Medicare (CMS) licensing for the Osawatomie State Mental Health Hospital and Larned State Mental Health Hospital, along with the use of other facilities on the Larned campus;
- Review the implementation of the new State Employee Health Clinic;
- Review KPERS working after retirement and unfunded actuarial liability;
● Review the use of bonds in the Kansas Department of Transportation;

● Review the need for, funding of, and source for cybersecurity;

● Review possible construction and other changes to the Lansing Correctional facility; and

● Review funding and the impact of the recent wildfires in Kansas.

Approved Meeting Days: 7 days
JOINT COMMITTEE ON PENSIONS, INVESTMENTS AND BENEFITS

Sen. Jeff Longbine, Vice-chairperson
Sen. Larry Alley
Sen. Laura Kelly
Sen. Ty Masterson
Sen. Lynn Rogers

Rep. Steven Johnson, Chairperson
Rep. John Barker
Rep. Dan Hawkins
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CHARGE

Monitor, Review, and Make Recommendations Regarding the Retirement System

The Committee is to consider the following:

● Legislation enacted during the 2017 Legislative Session affecting the Kansas Public Employee Retirement System (KPERS or Retirement System), particularly House Sub. for SB 21, which provides new working-after-retirement provisions;

● Performance of the pension obligation bonds issued in 2004 ($500 million) and 2015 ($1.0 billion);

● The overall funding ratio for the Retirement System;

● Various reports statutorily required to be submitted by KPERS to the Joint Committee; and

● To fulfill the Joint Committee’s duties and responsibilities, as provided by KSA 46-2201, to monitor, review, and make recommendations regarding the Retirement System.

Approved Meeting Days: 1 day

JOINT COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE
CHARGE

Review ClaimsFiled

- Hold hearings on all claims filed by the statutory deadline of November 1, 2017, and make recommendations to the 2018 Session of the Legislature.

Approved Meeting Days: 2 days
### JOINT COMMITTEE ON STATE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

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### CHARGE

**Study, Review, and Make Recommendations on Capital Improvement Plans and Other State-owned Properties and Leases**

The Joint Committee is authorized by KSA 46-1701, which includes provisions allowing the Joint Committee to meet on call of its Chairperson at any time and any place within the state and to introduce legislation. The Committee is to:

- Study, review, and make recommendations on all agency five-year capital improvement plans;
- Review leases, land sales, and other statutorily required reports by agencies; and
- Travel throughout the state to observe state-owned buildings.

Approved Meeting Days: 3 days
CHARGE

Approved Meeting Days:
Other Committees

Capitol Preservation Committee
Child Welfare System Task Force
Health Care Stabilization Fund Oversight Committee
Senate Confirmation Oversight
CAPITOL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Senate

Sen. Elaine Bowers (Senate President appointee)

Non-legislative Members

Kim Borchers (gubernatorial appointment)
Melinda Gaul (House Speaker appointee)
Tim Graham (Senate Minority Leader appointee)
Harrison Hems (Senate President appointee)
Jeremy Stohs (gubernatorial appointee)
Vacant (expired gubernatorial appointment)

House

Rep. Fred Patton (House Speaker appointee)
Rep. Valdenia Winn (House Minority Leader appointee)

Ex Officio Members

Jennie Chinn, Chairperson (Executive Director, Kansas State Historical Society)
Peter Jasso (Director, Kansas Creative Arts Industries Commission)
Frank Burnam (Director, Division of Architectural Services, Department of Administration)

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Matt Sterling
Chris Waggoner

CHARGE

Review Various Issues Regarding the Capitol

The Committee will:

● Review progress of the Brown v. Board of Education mural; and
● Consider Capitol grounds plans (which may include the Ad Astra Plaza).

Approved Meeting Days: 1 day
Study the Child Welfare System in the State of Kansas

2017 House Sub. for SB 126 directs the Secretary for Children and Families to establish a Child Welfare System Task Force to study the child welfare system in the State of Kansas. The bill directs the Task Force to convene working groups to study the following topics: the general administration of child welfare by the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF); protective services; family preservation; reintegration; foster care; and permanency placement. Additionally, the Task Force and each working group are directed to study the following topics:

- The level of oversight and supervision by DCF over each entity that contracts with DCF to provide reintegration, foster care, and adoption services;
- The duties, responsibilities, and contributions of state agencies, nongovernmental entities, and service providers that provide child welfare services in the State of Kansas;
- The level of access to child welfare services, including, but not limited to, health and mental health services and community based services in the State of Kansas;
• The increasing number of children in the child welfare system and contributing factors;

• The licensing standards for case managers working in the child welfare system; and

• Any other topic the Child Welfare System Task Force or a working group deems necessary or appropriate.

Approved Meeting Days: 6 days
HEALTH CARE STABILIZATION FUND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Senate
Sen. Laura Kelly
Sen. Vicki Schmidt

House
Rep. Eber Phelps
Rep. Richard Proehl

Non-legislative Members
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Darrell Conrade
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Dennis George
Jimmie Gleason, MD
James Rider, DO
Vacant

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CHARGE

Review the Status of the Health Care Stabilization Fund

This Committee annually receives a report on the status of the Health Care Stabilization Fund and makes recommendations regarding the financial status of the Fund.

Approved Meeting Days: 1 day
SENATE CONFIRMATION OVERSIGHT

Senate
Sen. Jim Denning, Chairperson
Sen. Anthony Hensley, Vice-chairperson
Sen. Jeff Longbine
Sen. Carolyn McGinn
Sen. Rob Olson
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CHARGE

Review Pending Appointments

The Committee is directed to review pending appointments and make appropriate recommendations.

Approved Meeting Days: 2 days