2020 Interim Committee Memberships

Special Committees
- Economic Recovery
- Foster Care Oversight
- Kansas Emergency Management Act
- Kansas Mental Health Modernization and Reform

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
- Special Claims Against the State
- State Building Construction
- State-Tribal Relations

Other
- Capitol Preservation Committee
- Confirmation Oversight
- Health Care Stabilization Fund Oversight Committee
- Kansas Criminal Justice Reform Commission
- Legislative Task Force on Dyslexia
SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Economic Recovery
Foster Care Oversight
Kansas Emergency Management Act
Kansas Mental Health Modernization and Reform
STUDY TOPIC

The Committee is directed to:

- Review state policies and make recommendations to the Legislature concerning Kansas economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic in the areas of taxation, regulatory affairs, business financing, and programs at the Kansas Department of Labor and Kansas Department of Commerce.

Approved Meeting Days: 6 days
STUDY TOPIC

The Committee is directed to:

- Receive input from families, social workers, and other stakeholders on progress and shortfalls in the State’s child welfare system, including quality of care for children in foster care, access to health and mental health services, trends in contributing factors, program outcomes from the Family First Prevention Services Act, and barriers to sharing information across stakeholders; and make recommendations to the Legislature on additional improvements and oversight needed to improve the State’s child welfare system.

Approved Meeting Days: 6 days
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON KANSAS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT

Senate

Senator Eric Rucker, Vice-chairperson
Senator Marci Francisco
Senator Dennis Pyle
Senator Mike Thompson
Senator Richard Wilborn

House

Representative Fred Patton, Chairperson
Representative Mike Amyx
Representative John Barker
Representative Stephen Owens
Representative Bradley Ralph
Representative Eric L. Smith
Representative Ponka-We Victors
Representative Valdenia Winn

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Natalie Nelson
Jordan Milholland
Heather O’Hara
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Office of Revisor of Statutes

Gordon Self
Natalie Scott
Mike Heim

Gary Deeter, Committee Assistant

STUDY TOPIC

The Committee is directed to:

- Review the Kansas Emergency Management Act, the State’s new COVID-19 Response Package (2020 Special Session HB 2016), and the oversight and emergency management approaches utilized in other states; and make recommendations to the Legislature on any improvements or changes that should be considered.

Approved Meeting Days: 6 days
STUDY TOPIC

The Committee is directed to analyze the state’s behavioral health system to ensure that both inpatient and outpatient services are accessible in communities, review the capacity of current behavioral health workforce, study the availability and capacity of crisis centers and substance abuse facilities, assess the impact of recent changes to State policies on the treatment of individuals with behavioral health needs; and make recommendations on steps needed to make Kansas a nationwide leader on behavioral health delivery, specifically focusing on how Kansas should modernize its behavioral health delivery system. The Committee shall solicit input from the following:

- Judicial Branch Court Services Officer recommended by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Kansas;
- A representative recommended by the Commissioner of Education;
- Kansas Department for Health and Environment cabinet official recommended by the Governor;
- One Sheriff and one Chief of Police recommended by the Attorney General;
- Children’s Alliance of Kansas representative;
- Kansas Association of Addiction Professionals drug and alcohol addiction treatment provider;
- Association of Community and Mental Health Centers of Kansas representative with clinical or medical expertise;
- Kansas Hospital Association representative with clinical or medical expertise;
• A person with lived experience with mental illness or who has provided assistance to an individual living with a mental illness recommended by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
• The parent of a child with a mental illness recommended by the President of the Senate;
• A former or current superintendent of a Kansas state mental health hospital;
• Current Executive Director of a community mental health center recommended by the Association of Community Mental Health Centers of Kansas;
• Health insurance company representative recommended by the Commissioner of Insurance;
• Kansas County and District Attorneys Association representative;
• Kansas Health Information Network representative;
• Medicaid Director for the State of Kansas; and
• Chairperson of the Governor’s Behavioral Health Services Planning Council.

Approved Meeting Days: 6 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
Special Claims Against the State
State Building Construction
State-Tribal Relations
JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS

Senate
Senator Caryn Tyson, Chairperson
Senator Oletha Faust-Goudeau, Ranking Minority Member
Senator Carolyn McGinn
Senator Eric Rucker
Senator Mary Ware

House
Representative Ron Highland, Vice-chairperson
Representative John Carmichael
Representative Tom Cox
Representative Annie Kuether
Representative William Sutton
Representative Barbara Wasinger
Representative Valdenia Winn

Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jill Shelley
Jordan Milholland
Victoria Potts

Office of Revisor of Statutes
Natalie Scott
Jenna Moyer
Jessie Pringle

John Willey, Committee Assistant

CHARGE

Review Proposed Administrative Rules and Regulations

- Review of Rules and Regulations submitted by state agencies (the Joint Committee is required to review proposed rules and regulations during the public comment period required by KSA 77-421 and amendments thereto).

Approved Meeting Days: 4 days
CHARGE

KSA 2019 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).

The 2020 Interim Committee will review the following:

- Benefits provided to KDOC employees and their families who become ill or die after exposure to COVID-19 in a KDOC facility;
- COVID-19 action plans in KDOC facilities;
- Compassionate medical release and terminal medical release;
- Early release programs for persons convicted of certain crimes;
- Review of the Kansas prison population and programming effectiveness, focusing on racial demographics of offenders and demographic sentencing data;
- Review of the impact of recent criminal justice legislation on racial minorities, including presentations concerning the studies and recommendations of the Kansas Criminal Justice Reform Commission and the Governor’s Commission on Racial Equity and Justice; and
- Tour the Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex to provide a first-hand view of its daily operations.

Approved Meeting Days: 3 days
CHARGE

Oversee Long-term Care Services and KanCare

KSA 2019 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
Senator Mike Petersen, Chairperson
Senator Tom Holland, Ranking Minority Member
Senator Kevin Braun
Senator Dinah Sykes
Senator Caryn Tyson

House
Representative Kyle Hoffman, Vice-chairperson
Representative Kenneth Collins
Representative Pam Curtis
Representative Steve Huebert
Representative Jeff Pittman

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Gary Deeter, Committee Assistant

CHARGE

Review, Monitor, and Report on Technology Plans and Expenditures

The Committee is directed to:

● Study computers, telecommunications, and other information technologies used by state agencies and institutions. The state governmental entities defined by KSA 75-7201 include executive, judicial, and legislative agencies and Regents Institutions;
● Review proposed new acquisitions, including implementation plans, project budget estimates, and three-year strategic information technology plans of state agencies and institutions. All state governmental entities are required to comply with provisions of KSA 75-7209 et seq. by submitting such information for review by the Joint Committee;
● Monitor newly implemented technologies of state agencies and institutions;
● Make recommendations to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and House Committee on Appropriations on implementation plans, budget estimates, and three-year plans of state agencies and institutions; and
● Report annually to the Legislative Coordinating Council and make special reports to other legislative committees as deemed appropriate.

Approved Meeting Days: 5 days
JOINT COMMITTEE ON KANSAS SECURITY

Senate

Senator Dan Goddard, Chairperson
Senator Kevin Braun
Senator Mike Petersen
Senator Pat Pettye
Senator Mary Ware

House

Representative Eric L. Smith, Vice-Chairperson
Representative Dave Baker
Representative Michael Houser
Representative Jarrod Ousley
Representative Louis Ruiz

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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 this additional topic:

- Hear testimony and formulate recommendations on state capabilities in the areas of:
  - Cybersecurity;
  - Implementation of updates to emergency communications capabilities across the state; and

- The safety of students and state employees.

Approved Meeting Days: 1 day
LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Senate

Senator Carolyn McGinn, Chairperson
Senator Rick Billinger
Senator Tom Hawk

House

Representative Troy Waymaster, Vice-Chairperson
Representative Will Carpenter
Representative Kyle Hoffman
Representative Kathy Wolfe Moore

Kansas Legislative Research Department

Amy Deckard
Dylan Dear
Edward Penner
Fiscal Staff

Nancy Fontaine, Committee Assistant

Office of Revisor of Statutes

Jill Wolters
David Wiese
Scott Abbott
Zach Fridell

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 its statutory duties, the Budget Committee is to:

- COVID-19 pandemic federal funding and expenditures—Receive updates on federal funding and expenditures by state agencies related to COVID-19;
- Board of Regents and Regents Institutions—Receive a report on the impact of COVID-19 closures and virtual learning;
- Kansas Department of Transportation—Receive an update on T-WORKS and Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program projects;
- Docking State Office Building and Kansas Department of Health and Environment Laboratory—Review proposals for potential renovation and construction; and
- Veterans’ Residential Facilities Funding—Receive an update on location, utilization, and funding for residential facilities for veterans.
- Review and discuss community and technical colleges, including:
  - How the institutions are funded and how the funding is distributed;
  - Mission of the colleges;
○ Transfer of credits to state universities;
○ The efficiencies and effectiveness of the colleges; and
○ Whether the colleges are meeting the needs of Kansas residents.

Approved Meeting Days: 10 days
CHARGE

Review and Recommend Changes to the Retirement System

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

Approved Meeting Days: 1 day
CHARGE

Review Claims Filed

The Committee is required to:

- Hold hearings on all claims filed by the statutory deadline of November 1, 2020, hear those claims carried over from the January 10, 2020 meeting, and make recommendations to the 2020 Legislature.

Approved Meeting Days: 3 days
CHARGE

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

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

- Study, review, and make recommendations on all agency five-year capital improvements plans, leases, land sales, and statutorily required reports by agencies (includes 1 travel day).

Approved Meeting Days: 3 days
JOINT COMMITTEE ON STATE-TRIBAL RELATIONS*

Senate

Senator Bud Estes, Vice-chairperson (?)
Senator Marci Francisco
Senator Bruce Givens
Senator David Haley
Senator Richard Hilderbrand

House

Representative Ponka-We Victors, Chairperson
Representative Francis Awerkamp
Representative Randy Garber
Representative Nancy Lusk, Ranking Minority Member
Representative John Wheeler

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Joanna Dolan
Connie Burns, Committee Assistant

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Jason Long
Mike Heim
Chris Waggoner

CHARGE

Approved Meeting Days: *

* To date, no meeting days have been authorized.
Other Committees

Capitol Preservation Committee
Confirmation Oversight Committee
Health Care Stabilization Fund Oversight Committee
Kansas Criminal Justice Reform Commission
Legislative Task Force on Dyslexia
CAPITOL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

**Senate**

Senator Elaine Bowers

**House**

Representative Fred Patton  
Representative Valdenia Winn

**Non-legislative Members**

Chase Blasi  
Melinda Gaul  
Tim Graham  
Will Lawrence  
Jeremy Stohs  
Sharon Wenger

**Ex Officio Members**

Jennie Chinn, Executive Director, Kansas State Historical Society (Chairperson)  
Frank Burnam, Director, Facilities and Property Management, Department of Administration  
Peter Jasso, Director, Kansas Creative Arts Industries Commission, Department of Commerce

**Kansas Legislative Research Department**

Heather O’Hara  
Fiscal Analyst

**Office of Revisor of Statutes**

Chris Waggoner  
Jason Thompson

**CHARGE**

Approved Meeting Days: *

*To date, no meeting days have been authorized.*
CONFIRMATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Senate

Senator Jim Denning, Chairperson
Senator Anthony Hensley, Vice-chairperson
Senator Jeff Longbine
Senator Carolyn McGinn
Senator Rob Olson
Senator Susan Wagle

Kansas Legislative Research Department

Robert Gallimore
Jessa Farmer

Office of Revisor of Statutes

Mike Heim
Chris Waggoner
Charles Reimer

Connie Burns, Committee Assistant

CHARGE

Review Pending Appointments

The Committee is directed to hold confirmation hearings to consider confirmation for persons appointed to a commission or board prior to that person exercising any power, duty, or function as a member of that commission or board.

Approved Meeting Days: 3 days
HEALTH CARE STABILIZATION FUND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

**Senate**
- Senator Anthony Hensley
- Senator Gene Suellentrop

**House**
- Representative Henry Helgerson
- Representative Richard Proehl

**Non-legislative Members**
- Gary Hayzlett, Chairperson
- Darrell Conrade
- Dennis Cooley, MD
- Dennis George
- Jimmie Gleason, MD
- James Rider, DO
- Jerry Slaughter

**Kansas Legislative Research Department**
- Melissa Renick
  - Fiscal Analyst

**Office of Revisor of Statutes**
- Scott Abbott
- Jenna Moyer
- Eileen Ma

**CHARGE**

*Review the Status of the Health Care Stabilization Fund*

This Committee annually reviews the operation of the Health Care Stabilization Fund, reports and makes recommendations regarding the financial status of the Fund.

Approved Meeting Days: 1 day
# KANSAS CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM COMMISSION

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## Non-legislative Members

- **Marc Bennett**, Chairperson  
  (District Attorney from an Urban Area)
- **Chief Todd Ackerman** (Police Chief Representative)
- **Jennifer Baysinger** (Criminal Justice Reform Advocate)
- **Honorable Glenn Braun** (District Judge)
- **Sheriff Bill Carr** (Sheriff Representative)
- **Honorable Marty Clark** (District Magistrate Judge)
- **Professor John Francis** (Professor of Law, Washburn University School of Law)
- **Chad Harmon** (Drug and Alcohol Addiction Treatment Provider Representative, SB 123 Program)
- **Spence Koehn** (Judicial Branch Court Services)
- **Tabitha Owen** (County Attorney from a Rural Area)
- **Sylvia Penner** (Criminal Defense Attorney)
- **Bill Persinger** (Mental Health Professional)
- **Professor Jean Phillips** (Professor of Law, University of Kansas School of Law)
- **Pastor Adrion Roberson** (Faith-based Community Representative)
- **Shelly Williams** (Community Corrections Representative)

## Kansas Legislative Research Department

- Jordan Milholland
- Bob Gallimore
- Milesa Segun

**Connie Bahner**, Committee Assistant

## Office of Revisor of Statutes

- Natalie Scott
- Jason Thompson
- Jenna Moyer
CHARGE

Review and analyze sentencing guideline grids, sentences proportionality, diversion options, supervision levels, specialty courts, evidence-based programming, specialty facilities, and data systems.

The Commission is also directed to:

- Prepare and finalize the statutorily required report to the 2021 Legislature.

Approved Meeting Days: 16 days (includes subcommittee meetings)
LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON DYSLEXIA

Senate
Senator Bruce Givens
Senator Ty Masterson

House
Representative Brenda Dietrich, Vice-chairperson

Non-legislative Members
Jim Porter, Chairperson, Kansas Board of Education
Jennifer Bettles, Title Reading Teacher, Herington USD 487
Sarah Brinkley, K-6 Low Incidence Special Education Teacher, Seaman USD 345
Jaime Callaghan, Director of Student Services, Auburn Washburn USD 437
Tally Fleming, Teacher, LaCygne
Dr. David Hurford, Professor, Pittsburg State University
Jennifer Knight, parent, Olathe
Alisa Matteoni, parent & board member, International Dyslexia Association KS/MO Branch
Christina Middleton, parent & Founder, Decoding Dyslexia, Johnson County
Jeanine Phillips, parent & Founder Fundamental Learning Center, Wichita
Jeri Powers, Reading Specialist, Desoto USD 232
Angie Schreiber, Center Director, Cradle to Career Literacy Center
Sonja Watkins, Principal, Hugoton USD 210

Non-voting Ex Officio Members
Mike Burgess, Disability Rights Center of Kansas
Laura Jurgensen, Kansas Department of Education
Lori McMillan, Professor, Washburn University School of Law

Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jessa Farmer
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Office of Revisor of Statutes
Zach Fridell
Nick Myers

CHARGE

Pursuant to 2018 Sub. for HB 2602, the Task Force shall advise and make recommendations to the Governor, the Legislature, and the State Board of Education regarding matters concerning the use of evidence-based practices for students with dyslexia. Specifically, the bill provides the Task Force’s recommendations and resource materials shall:

- Evaluate the progress and effectiveness of the previous recommendations of the Task Force.

Approved Meeting Days: 1 day