



July 14, 2020

**To:** Legislative Coordinating Council

**From:** J.G. Scott, Director

**Re:** Requested Interim Topics by Subject

Below is a summary of the requested interim topics that were submitted as of July 7, 2020. The topics are organized by subject and include the individual or committee that is requesting a study of the topic. This list does not include Interim Committees previously approved.

## **REQUESTED INTERIM TOPICS BY SUBJECT**

### ***Administrative Rules and Regulations***

#### **Review All Proposed Rules and Regulations**

**(Requested by Chairperson, Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations – 6 days)**

- 1) 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).

### ***Budget and Agency Issues***

#### **Review Expenditures and Revenue Information**

**(Topics 1-5, requested by the Chairperson, Senate Committee on Ways and Means – 15 days)**

- 1) COVID-19 pandemic federal funding and expenditures—Receive updates on federal funding and expenditures by state agencies related to COVID-19;
- 2) Board of Regents and Regents Institutions—Receive a report on the impact of COVID-19 closures and virtual learning;

- 3) Kansas Department of Transportation—Receive an update on T-WORKS and Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program projects;
- 4) Docking State Office Building and Kansas Department of Health and Environment Laboratory—Review proposals for potential renovation and construction; and
- 5) Veterans’ Residential Facilities Funding—Receive an update on location, utilization, and funding for residential facilities for veterans.

**(Topics 6-10, requested by the Chairperson, House Committee on K-12 Education Budget – 3 days)**

- 6) Study the implementation of continuous learning plans during school year 2019-2020;
- 7) Review best practices for continuous learning, including how to ensure students receive direct instruction from their teachers and measuring student achievement;
- 8) Study how to ensure accountability during school closures due to pandemic disease;
- 9) Identify financial resources available to school districts and private schools for the provision of continuous learning; and
- 10) Study the impact of long-term school closures due to pandemic disease on the budgets of school districts and private schools.

**Information Technology**

**Review, Monitor, and Report on Technology Plans and Expenditures**

**(Topics 1-5, requested by the Chairperson, Joint Committee on Information Technology – 6 days)**

- 1) 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;
- 2) 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;
- 3) Monitor newly implemented technologies of state agencies and institutions;

- 4) 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
- 5) Report annually to the Legislative Coordinating Council and make special reports to other legislative committees as deemed appropriate.

## **Pensions, Investments and Benefits**

### **Review and Recommend Changes to the Retirement System**

**(Requested by the Chairperson, Joint Committee on Pensions, Investments and Benefits – 1 day)**

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

## **Special Claims Against the State**

### **Review Claims Filed**

**(Requested by the Chairperson, Joint Committee on Claims Against the State – 4 days)**

- 1) 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.

## **State Building Construction**

### **Study, Review, and Make Recommendations on Capital Improvements Expenditures and Other State-owned Properties and Leases**

**(Requested by the Chairperson, Joint Committee on State Building Construction – 3 days)**

- 1) 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).

## ***Health and Human Services***

### **Monitor and Study Implementation and Operations, Including Access to and Quality of Services Provided and Any Financial Information and Budgetary Issues for Existing Medicaid Programs**

**(Topics 1-4, requested by the Chairperson, Robert G. (Bob) Bethell Joint Committee on Home and Community Based Services and KanCare Oversight – 4 days)**

- 1) Review the Home and Community Based Services and other components of the state's long-term care system;
- 2) Review the Children's Health Insurance Program;
- 3) Review the Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly; and
- 4) Review the State's Medicaid program.

**(Topic 5, requested by the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, Health and Human Services and Representative John Eplee – 1 day)**

- 5) To further evaluate the medical conditions called Pediatric Acute Neuropsychiatric Disorder Associated with Streptococcal infections or PANDAS and Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Syndrome or PANS.

***Public Safety and Welfare***

**Security of State Officers and Employees, Security of Buildings and Infrastructure, Including Any Information System, Juvenile Justice Reform, and Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) Adult Offender Oversight**

**(Topic 1, Requested by the Chairperson, Joint Committee on Kansas Security – 2 days)**

- 1) 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.

**(Topic 2-7, Requested by the Chairperson, Joint Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice – 3 days)**

- 2) Benefits provided to KDOC employees and their families who become ill or die after exposure to COVID-19 in a KDOC facility;
- 3) COVID-19 action plans in KDOC facilities;
- 4) Compassionate medical release and terminal medical release;
- 5) Early release programs for persons convicted of certain crimes;

- 6) Review of the Kansas prison population and programming effectiveness, focusing on racial demographics of offenders and demographic sentencing data; and
- 7) 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.

(The Committee also requests authorization to tour the Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex to provide a first-hand view of its daily operations.)

### ***Kansas Criminal Justice Reform Commission***

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

**(Requested by the Chairperson, Kansas Criminal Justice Reform Commission– 18 days)**

- 1) Prepare and finalize the statutorily required report to the 2021 Legislature (6 days for the Commission and 12 total days for the 6 subcommittees)

### ***Legislative Task Force on Dyslexia***

**Monitor the Progress of the Implementation of Dyslexia Task Force Recommendations**

**(Requested by the Chairperson, Legislative Task Force on Dyslexia – 1 day)**

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