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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 June 13, 2022. The topics are organized by subject and include the legislator 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, State Employee Compensation System

(Topics 1-5, requested by the Chairperson, Senate Committee on Ways and Means – 10 days)

- 1) Impact of the 24/7 pay plan on correctional facilities and State Hospitals;
- 2) Extraordinary transfers to the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System Trust Fund;

- 3) Construction and remodeling of the Docking State Office Building and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment Forensic Science Laboratory;
- 4) Receipts of federal COVID-19 relief funding; and
- 5) Additionally, 2021 Senate Sub. for Sub. for HB 2196 requires the Legislative Budget Committee to review and report on the independent audit of the State Unemployment Trust Fund in September 2022 to the Legislative Coordinating Council.

(Topics 6-11, requested by the Chairperson, House Committee on Appropriations – 5 days)

- 6) State employee compensation as compared to the other public sector and private sector employees, using market studies prepared by the Department of Administration;
- 7) Continued use of classified and unclassified service;
- 8) Compliance with existing Kansas statutes regarding state employees;
- 9) Other states' employment systems, for comparison with the Kansas system;
- 10) Options to tie compensation to performance reviews; and
- 11) Other duties as determined by the Chairperson related to state employees and the state employment system.

(Topics 12-14, requested by the Chairperson, House Committee on Appropriations – 1 day)

- 12) Review the statutes governing state board member compensation, what boards receive compensation, and what the fiscal impact might look like to increase that compensation;
- 13) Hear from state agencies governed by state boards to determine what, if any, issues they might face in board member recruitment; and
- 14) Receive information on private sector board compensation to see how compensation for individuals serving on private sector boards compares to state boards.

Capitol Preservation

Discuss Capitol-related Issues

(Requested by the Acting Executive Director – 1 day)

- 1) Discuss current Capitol-related issues, including adding artwork and photographs in the committee rooms.

Commerce, Labor, and Economic Development

Study Workforce Development

(Requested by the Chairperson, House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development – 4 days)

- 1) Study workforce development and laws or regulations that may act as barriers to entry into the workforce.

Confirmations

Review Governor's Appointments

(Requested by the Chairperson, Committee on Confirmation Oversight – 3 days)

- 1) Review Governor's appoints that require Senate confirmation during the interim.

Education

Review Community Colleges and Technical Colleges, and Special Education Needs and Expenditures

(Topic 1, as provided in Section 109(g) of 2022 House Sub. for Sub. for SB 267 – 4 days)

- 1) Study the provision of state funding to the community and technical colleges in Kansas.

(Topics 2-8, requested by the Chairperson, House Committee on K-12 Education Budget – 2 days)

- 2) Special education funding and how funding is distributed;
- 3) Current statutory requirements of special education;
- 4) The current excess cost calculation methodology;
- 5) Costs for regular and special education as reported by districts;
- 6) Requirements for students to qualify for special education;
- 7) Special education funding methodology in other states; and

- 8) Resources provided to special education students after graduation.

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.

(Topics 5-8, requested by the Chairperson, House Committee on Social Services Budget – 6 days)

- 5) Review the need for inpatient psychiatric hospital beds and develop a long-term plan to address the mental health needs;
- 6) Review the regional bed expansion plan and how the beds would be constructed;
- 7) Review best practice providing the operation and oversight of the expanded beds; and
- 8) Review the long-term fiscal impact of the additional beds.

(Topics 9-10, requested by the Chairperson, 2021 Special Committee on Home and Community Based Services Intellectual and Developmental Disability (I/DD) Waiver – 4 days)

- 9) Review and recommend options to modernize how the I/DD waiver could be restructured in an attempt to address the I/DD waiver waitlist and the workforce struggles; and
- 10) Request authorization to utilize a working group structure similar to the 2021 Special Committee on Kansas Mental Health Modernization Reform, to be facilitated by an independent third-party organization.

(Topics 11-17, requested by the Chairperson, Kansas Senior Care Task Force – 2 days)

- 11) Study the provision of care for seniors in the state who suffer from Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or other age-related mental health conditions;
- 12) The administration of antipsychotic medications to adult care home residents;
- 13) The safeguards to prevent abuse, neglect, and exploitation of seniors in the state;
- 14) Adult care home surveys and fines;
- 15) The funding and implementation of the Kansas Senior Care Act;
- 16) Senior daycare resources in the state; and
- 17) Re-balancing of home and community based services.

Review Expansion of Mental Health Beds in Sedgwick County

(Topic 18, as provided in Section 8(b) of 2022 HB 2510 – 2 days)

- 18) Study and develop a plan for providing a 50-bed facility with acute inpatient psychiatric beds and adult forensic beds in the Sedgwick county regional area.

Review Policy Options for Medical Marijuana

(Topics 19-21, requested by the Chairperson, Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs – 6 days)

- 19) Study medical marijuana legislation recently considered by the Legislature;
- 20) Solicit testimony (based upon the provisions of 2021 House Sub. for SB 158 and 2022 SB 560) from:
 - Potential licensees;
 - State agencies;
 - Medical providers; and
 - Law enforcement; and
- 21) Make recommendations to the 2023 Legislature for comprehensive medical marijuana legislation.

Review Child Welfare System

(Topics 22-24, requested by the Chairperson, Joint Committee on Child Welfare System Oversight – 5 days)

- 22) Review data on child maltreatment and demographic trends impacting the child welfare system;
- 23) Review the duties, responsibilities and contributions of the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF), the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS), the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), the Department of Corrections, law enforcement, and the judicial branch that comprise the child welfare system; and
- 24) Review programs, services, and benefits offered directly or through grants or contracts by DCF, KDADS, KDHE, and the judicial branch that impact children and families at risk of becoming involved or who are involved in the child welfare system.

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 and Financial Institutions

Review and Recommend Changes to the Retirement System and Fiduciary Financial Institutions' Operations in Kansas

(Topics 1-3, Requested by the Chairperson, Joint Committee on Pensions, Investments and Benefits – 1 day)

- 1) Review the status of law enacted during the 2021-22 biennium (2021 HB 2405, pension obligation bonds, and 2022 SB 421);
- 2) Review the State General Fund revenue transfer of \$1.125 billion to the KPERs Trust Fund; and
- 3) Review of other pensions legislation considered by the 2022 Legislature.

(Topics 4-5, Requested by the Chairperson, Joint Committee on Fiduciary Financial Institutions Oversight – 1 day)

- 4) Monitor, review, and make recommendations regarding fiduciary financial institutions' operations in the State of Kansas; and
- 5) Monitor, review, and make recommendations regarding the fiduciary financial institutions pilot program.

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 – 3 days)

- 1) Study, monitor, review, and make recommendations for the following:
 - Matters relating to the security of state officers or employees;
 - Security of buildings and property under the ownership or control of the State of Kansas;
 - Security of a public body or agency, public building, or facility;
 - Security of the infrastructure of Kansas, including any information system; and
 - Measures for the improvement of security for the State of Kansas.

(Topic 2-8, Requested by the Chairperson, Joint Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice Oversight – 3 days)

- 2) Mental health intervention policy, especially in western Kansas and rural areas;

- 3) Consider potential recommendations from the Sedgwick County Community Task Force investigation of the in-custody death of Cedric Lofton related to mental health issues and Stand Your Ground laws;
- 4) Criminal records expungement and associated costs and compare with other states;
- 5) Further examination of offender registry statutes;
- 6) Review of SB 367 Juvenile Justice Reform and consideration of the changes approved in 2022 HB 2200, as amended by the House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice;
- 7) Review the practice and policies regarding recording devices in juvenile correctional facilities; and
- 8) Update on juvenile crisis intervention centers.

(The Committee also requests authorization to tour the Kansas Children's Service League headquarters in Topeka and observe community corrections in the field and how it functions in Douglas County.)

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 – 4 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 2 travel days).

Special Claims Against the State

Review Claims Filed

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

- 1) Hold hearings on all claims filed by the statutory deadline of November 1, 2022; hear those claims carried over from the December 16, 2021, meeting; and make recommendations to the 2023 Legislature.

Taxation

Study the Current Tax Structure and Requirements

(Requested by the Chairpersons, House Committee on Taxation and Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation – 3 days)

- 1) The effective implementation of the *Kansas Constitution's* requirement of statewide uniformity in assessment of property for *ad valorem* tax purposes;
- 2) The continued necessity and utility of Kansas' membership in the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement;
- 3) The individual income taxation of retirement plan income and social security benefits; and
- 4) Any inactive taxing jurisdictions or unused tax provisions that may be ripe for repeal.

Water

Study Issues Related to Kansas Aquifers, Dam Storage Capacity, and Funding

(Topics 1-3, requested by the Chairperson, House Committee on Water – 2 days)

- 1) Issues related to aquifers in Kansas;
- 2) Dam storage capacity; and
- 3) Funding.