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BILL NUMBER	SUBJECT	DATE OF HEARING/ DISCUSSION	DATE OF FINAL ACTION BY FULL COMMITTEE
BILLS			
SB3	Creating a drug abuse treatment program for people on diversion and allowing county and district attorneys to enter into agreements with chief judges and community corrections for supervision.	1/26/2021	
SB4	Modifying the criminal penalties for unlawfully tampering with electronic monitoring equipment.	1/27/2021	2/3/2021 BP Consent Calendar
SB5	Aligning the felony loss thresholds for certain property crimes with theft.	1/27/2021	
SB6	Counting any crime with a domestic violence designation as a prior conviction under domestic battery.	1/27/2021	
SB7	Extending terminal medical release to inmates in the custody of the department of corrections with a condition likely to cause death within 120 days.	1/26/2021	
SB8	Increasing good time and program credits for certain offenders.	1/26/2021	2/17/2021 BP
SB9	Requiring newly certified law enforcement officers to attend diversity meetings organized by the Kansas commission on peace officers' standards and training		
SB14	Extending certain provisions of the governmental response to the COVID-19 pandemic in Kansas and providing certain relief related to health, welfare, property and economic security during this public health emergency	1/12/2021	1/13/2021 BP
SB54	Authorizing judges to extend protection from abuse orders for more reasons and tolling time when subject of the order is in prison.	Exempt (Sponsored by Ways and Means)	
SB56	Requiring posting of a human trafficking awareness notice approved by the attorney general in certain businesses and public places	2/2/2021	2/3/2021 BP Consent Calendar

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SB57	Suspending statutory speedy trial rights until May 1, 2024, in all criminal cases filed prior to the effective date of this act and eliminating such rights in any criminal case filed on or after the effective date of this act.	2/4/2021 Hearing cont. 2/5/2021 and 2/23/2021 Exempt. (Sponsored by Fed and State.)	
SB58	Prohibiting the filing of certain liens or claims against real or personal property and providing for criminal penalties.	2/3/2021	2/3/2021 BP Consent Calendar
SB59	Modifying the crimes of selling sexual relations, promoting the sale of sexual relations and buying sexual relations by changing terminology from "sexual relations" to "a sex act."	2/2/2021	2/3/2021 BP Consent Calendar
SB60	Defining proximate result for purposes of determining when a crime is committed partly within this state.	2/3/2021	2/11/2021 BP
SB73	Requiring the attorney general to carry out certain duties related to investigating corruption committed by a public officer or public employee.		
SB74	Requiring the attorney general to carry out certain duties related to investigating sexual abuse committed by a minister of religion.		
SB75	Requiring a duly ordained minister of religion to report certain abuse and neglect of children.		
SB78	Updating certain statutes relating to the regulation of the business of insurance; granting the commissioner of insurance certain investigative powers.	withdrawn; referred to Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance	
SB102	Requiring earlier notice of anticipated release from custody of a person who may be a sexually violent predator to the attorney general and a multidisciplinary team and specifying where such person will be detained during civil commitment proceedings.	2/17/2021	2/26/2021 BP

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SB103	Amending the Kansas power of attorney act regarding the form of a power of attorney and the duties of third parties relying and acting on a power of attorney.	2/8/2021	2/11/2021 BP
SB104	Requiring a court order be issued directing a child to remain in a present or future placement for certain children in need of care.	2/9/2021	2/26/2021 BP
SB105	Prohibiting denial of a petition for expungement due to the petitioner's inability to pay outstanding costs, fees, fines or restitution.	2/10/2021	2/26/2021 as amended BPA
SB106	Enacting the revised uniform law on notarial acts and repealing the uniform law on notarial acts.	2/9/2021	2/18/2021 BP
SB107	Enacting the uniform fiduciary income and principal act (UFIPA).	2/8/2021	2/11/2021 BP
SB122	Modifying certain rules of evidence in the code of civil procedure related to authentication of records and documents.	2/9/2021	2/18/2021 BP
SB123	Creating a process to terminate the parental rights of a person whose sexual assault of another has resulted in the conception of a child.	2/11/2021	
SB132	Amending credits to on court-imposed fines for community service to the statutory minimum wage.		
SB136	Abolishing the death penalty and creating the crime of aggravated murder.	Exempt (Sponsored by Ways and Means)	
SB141	Enacting the Kansas uniform directed trust act.	2/8/2021	

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SB150	Defining and prohibiting certain deceptive lawsuit advertising practices and restricting the use or disclosure of protected health information to solicit individuals for legal services.	2/16/2021 Exempt (Referred to Fed & State)	
SB151	Enacting limitations on contingency fee agreements in certain civil actions.		
SB152	Providing for joint liability for costs and sanctions in third-party funded litigation, requiring certain discovery disclosures and requiring payment of certain costs for nonparty subpoenas.		
SB195	Increasing the penalty for certain violations of criminal discharge of a firearm when a person was present in the dwelling, building, structure or motor vehicle at which the offender discharged a firearm and when a person less than 14 years of age was present in the dwelling, building, structure or motor vehicle at which the offender discharged a firearm.		
SB196	Requiring courts to order a defendant to pay certain restitution when the defendant's offense resulted in the incapacitation or death of a victim who has a minor child or children		
SB197	Requiring law enforcement agencies to increase data collection and reporting on racial profiling and other biased policing.		
SB198	Amending Kansas open records act provisions regarding access to certain law enforcement audio and video recordings and enacting the police and citizen protection act regarding use of body cameras by law enforcement officers.		
SB204	Prohibiting a court from requiring psychiatric or psychological examinations of an alleged victim of any crime.	2/17/2021	2/17/2021 BP Consent Calendar

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SB205	Enacting the uniform partition of heirs property act to prescribe procedures and requirements for partition of certain real property.		
SB206	Enacting the fairness in condemnation act to require the condemning authority to provide the property owner notice of a planned condemnation proceeding, an offer for purchase and a court review of compliance with this act.	Exempt (Referred to Fed & State)	
SB214	Making it a crime for a physician to perform gender reassignment surgery or hormone replacement therapy on certain children		
SB220	Increasing the penalty for battery committed against a utility worker.	2/19/2021	
SB229	Providing for payment of interest in civil actions for wrongful conviction and directing the attorney general to seek damages for the state from any person who knowingly contributed to the wrongful conviction and prosecute ouster and criminal proceedings as warranted.		
SB230	Creating the crime of deprivation of rights under color of law and providing a civil action for victims.		
SB231	Increasing criminal penalties for hate crimes.		
SB246	Providing statutory procedures and limitations related to forensic evidence collection and clarifying liability for unlawful conduct under the Kansas tort claims act.		
SB247	Enacting criminal justice reform measures related to hiring, firearms certification and psychological testing of law enforcement officers		
SB270	Prohibiting the hiring of certain law enforcement officers with history of serious misconduct allegations and making certain law enforcement disciplinary records public records.		
SB271	Extending the time that victims of childhood sexual abuse have to bring a cause of action.	Exempt (Sponsored by Fed and State)	

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SB272	Requiring sexual assault evidence collection procedures to include a urinalysis test to determine the presence of controlled substances that may have been used to commit the alleged sexual assault	Exempt (Sponsored by Fed and State)	
SB273	Enacting the governmental response to certain emergencies by amending the Kansas emergency management act, providing procedures for declaration and extension of state of disaster emergencies, limiting powers granted to the governor during a state of disaster emergency, defining public health disasters and establishing special provisions therefor, creating the joint committee on emergency management and prescribing powers, duties and functions of the secretary of health and environment, city and county government and the board of education of each school district to control the spread of disease and establishing judicial review thereof.	2/24/2021, 2/25/2021 Exempt (Sponsored by Fed and State)	2/25/2021 as amended BPA
SB283	Changing the business liability provision in the COVID-19 response and reopening for business liability protection act to apply to actions accruing on or after March 12, 2020, and prior to termination of the state of disaster emergency related to the COVID-19 public health emergency.	3/2/2021 Exempt (Sponsored by Fed and State)	3/2/2021 as amended BPA
SB284	Amending the Kansas emergency management act to authorize a state of disaster emergency to continue for no longer than 21 days unless ratified by concurrent resolution of the legislature and provide for extensions for specified periods not to exceed 30 days each	Exempt (Sponsored by Fed and State)	
SB286	Establishing the COVID-19 governmental use claims fund to provide funds for impacted businesses, providing for income tax credits for impacted businesses, providing for the reimbursement to certain property owners of property taxes resulting from a forced shutdown or capacity limitation and creating a business loan forgiveness program.	3/26/2021 Informational hearing 4/3/2021 Hearing	4/3/2021. Replaced contents with 21rs2220. Renamed Sub. For SB286. BPA

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SB300	Amending the Kansas racketeer influenced and corrupt organization act to add a person who has engaged in identity theft or identity fraud to the definition of "covered person" and add identity theft and identity fraud to the definition of "racketeering activity."	Exempt (Sponsored by Fed and State)	
SB301	Establishing the office of the child advocate within the office of the attorney general and the joint committee on child welfare system oversight.	3/23/2021; Exempt (Sponsored by Fed and State)	Moved contents to HB2153
SB304	Removing the sunset provision in the COVID-19 contact tracing privacy act.	3/26/2021	3/26/2021 BP
SB308	Providing for the right of individuals to not wear face coverings in places of public accommodation, refuse vaccinations and access off-label medications.		
Senate Concurrent Resolutions			
SCR1602	Amending the bill of rights of the constitution of the state of Kansas to reserve to the people the right to regulate abortion through their elected state representatives and senators.	1/15/2021	1/19/2021 Passed
SCR1604	A constitutional amendment allowing for a voter petition process to call the legislature into special session during a state of disaster emergency.		
SCR1605	Constitutional amendment reserving the powers of initiative and referendum to the people.		
SCR1607	Proposing a constitutional amendment providing that locally elected school boards are the only governmental entity with the authority to close schools.		

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SCR1608	Proposing to amend section 3 of the Kansas bill of rights regarding the right to petition the government for the redress of grievances, including by citizen-initiated grand jury.	3/12/2021	
House Bills			
HB2001	Creating the crime of sexual extortion and requiring an offender to register under the Kansas offender registration act.	3/15/2021	3/15/2021 as amended BPA
HB2008	Providing for the attorney general to coordinate training for law enforcement agencies on missing and murdered indigenous people.	withdrawn; referred to Committee on Federal and State Affairs	
HB2026	Creating a drug abuse treatment program for people on diversion and allowing county and district attorneys to enter into agreements with chief judges and community corrections for supervision	2/10/2021	2/26/2021 as amended BPA
HB2029	Counting any crime with a domestic violence designation as a prior conviction under domestic battery.		
HB2030	Extending terminal medical release to inmates in the custody of the department of corrections with a condition likely to cause death within 120 days.		
HB2071	Increasing the criminal penalties for stalking a minor.	3/15/2021	3/15/2021 as amended
HB2075	Allowing venue for an adoption when the state is the agency to be where the state agency or its subcontracting agency has an office.	3/26/2021	
HB2076	Clarifying that bond agents seeking discharge as a surety are required to return the person released on bond to the court in the county where the complaint subject to the bond was filed.	3/22/2021	3/25/2021 Contents removed and added to HB2121
HB2077	Extending the Kansas criminal justice reform commission, limiting the commission's scope of study and adding a public defender.	3/18/2021	3/18/2021 BP

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HB2078	Suspending statutory speedy trial rights until May 1, 2024, in all criminal cases filed prior to the effective date of this act and eliminating such rights in any criminal case filed on or after the effective date of this act.	3/11/2021	3/15/2021 as amended BPA
HB2081	Modifying how certain prior convictions are counted for the special sentencing rule related to possession of a controlled substance and providing concurrent or consecutive sentencing for persons convicted of new crimes while on release for a felony		
HB2082	Authorizing the crime victims compensation board to waive application time restrictions for a victim of a sexually violent crime to receive compensation for mental health counseling and adding certain children to the definition of victim.	3/19/2021	3/29/2021 as amended BPA
HB2093	Increasing criminal penalties for fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer when operating a stolen vehicle and making fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer evidence of intent to commit theft of a vehicle.	3/22/2021	3/25/2021 as amended BPA
HB2109	Increasing the county population threshold for a county to be required to have a lawyer representative, increasing the number of lawyer members and decreasing the number of non-lawyer members on the board of indigents' defense services.	3/22/2021	
HB2120	Removing the spousal exception from the crime of sexual battery.		
HB2121	Adding definitions related to defendants who abscond from supervision in the criminal procedure code and for parole.	3/25/2021	3/25/2021 contents of HB2076 and HB2153 added by amendment BPA
HB2125	Allowing a copy of a will to be filed and admitted to probate and allowing a will or a copy of a will filed within six months after the death of the testator to be admitted to probate at any time.	3/25/2021	
HB2126	Providing immunity from civil liability for COVID-19 claims for adult care facilities.	3/16/2021	3/17/2021 BP

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HB2128	Clarifying jurisdiction and supervision of offenders in a certified drug abuse treatment program and allowing certain nondrug offenders to participate in the program.	3/24/2021	
HB2153	Increasing the criminal penalty for mistreatment of a dependent adult or elder person when the victim is a resident of an adult care home.	3/23/2021	3/25/2021 Contents removed and added to HB2121; 3/29/2021 Contents of SB301 inserted, renamed Senate Sub. For HB2153. BPA
HB2191	Increasing criminal penalties for the crimes of riot and incitement to riot when the crime occurs in a correctional facility.		
HB2192	Authorizing court services officers and community corrections officers to provide a certification of identification to offenders for use to obtain a new driver's license	3/26/2021	
HB2227	Allowing the chief justice to suspend certain time limitations during a state of local disaster emergency, allowing suspension of verification requirements, allowing use of electronic audio-visual communication to expeditiously resolve cases, and extending the chief justice's authority to suspend time limitations until June 1, 2022.	3/16/2021	3/16/2021 BP
HB2228	Requiring law enforcement agencies to adopt a policy regarding submission of sexual assault evidence kits and allowing evidence collection at child advocacy centers or other facilities.	3/26/2021	
HB2231	Amending the definition of the crime of conducting a pyramid promotional scheme, providing for an exemption and defining key terms.		
HB2264	Permitting student athletes at postsecondary educational institutions to receive compensation for the use of their name, image, likeness rights or athletic reputation.	Moved to Fed and State	
HB2275	Requiring the department of corrections to develop guidance to be used by parole officers when responding to violations of parole and postrelease supervision and that incentivize compliant behavior.	3/23/2021	
HB2277	Clarifying the definition of possession in the Kansas criminal code.		

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HB2292	Creating exemptions in the open records act for cyber security assessments, plans and vulnerabilities.	Transferred to Committee on Transparency and Ethics	
HB2298	Changing requirements for service of process on nonresident drivers and clarifying service of process on certain business entities.	3/18/2021	3/18/2021 BP
HB2361	Authorizing the supreme court to adopt rules establishing specialty courts, creating the specialty court funding advisory committee and the specialty court resources fund.	3/23/2021	
HB2362	Modifying the elements of and making changes to the criminal penalties of abuse of a child.		
HB2366	Requiring prosecutors to disclose their intent to introduce testimony from a jailhouse witness and to forward information to the Kansas bureau of investigation		
HB2374	Authorizing the Kansas sentencing commission to change risk assessment cut-off levels for participation in the certified drug abuse treatment program.	3/24/2021	
HB2377	Revising the laws concerning driving under the influence, including authorizing reinstatement of a driver's license for certain persons with an ignition interlock device restriction, requiring persons with an ignition interlock device restriction to complete the ignition interlock device program before driving privileges are fully reinstated, providing for reduced ignition interlock device program costs for certain persons and modifying the criminal penalties for driving a commercial motor vehicle under the influence and driving under the influence.	3/24/2021	3/29/23 as amended BPA
HB2387	Revising laws relating to operating an aircraft under the influence, including prescribing criminal and administrative penalties and providing for testing of blood, breath, urine or other bodily substances, and preliminary screening tests of breath or oral fluid.	3/24/2021	

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HB2412	Enacting the Kansas fights addiction act to establish a grant program for the purpose of preventing, reducing, treating and mitigating the effects of substance abuse and addiction.		
HB2416	Modifying the procedure for declaring and extending a state of disaster emergency, limiting powers granted to the governor during a state of disaster emergency, authorizing the legislative coordinating council and the legislature to take certain action related to a state of disaster emergency and prohibiting the governor or the state board of education from closing private schools during a state of disaster emergency.	Exempt (Referred to Fed & State)	
CONFIRMATIONS			
Confirmation	Appointment: Judge, Kansas Court of Appeals: Amy Cline	1/19/2021	1/21/2021 Passed
Confirmation	Appointment: Judge, Kansas Court of Appeals: Carl Folsom	1/21/2021	1/21/2021 Passed
Confirmation	Appointment: Judge, Kansas Court of Appeals: Jacy Hurst	3/17/2021	3/18/2021 Passed
Confirmation	Appointment: Judge, Kansas Court of Appeals: Leslie Isherwood	3/17/2021	3/18/2021 Passed
Confirmation	Appointment: Member, Kansas Crime Victims Compensation Board: Rebecca Dickinson	3/29/2021	3/29/2021 Passed