

Bill Tracking

The following table describes some of the health-related bills monitored by KHI during the 2021 session, showing how far they moved through the legislative process.

Bill	Summary	Originating Committee	Originating Chamber Vote	Opposite Committee	Opposite Chamber Vote	Governor/Other Action
Behavioral Health Bills						
HB 2079	Enacting the Kansas Fights Addiction Act; prescribing powers, duties and functions of the Attorney General related thereto	Passed, as amended	Passed, as amended	Passed, as amended	Passed, as amended	Signed; Related bills: SBs 56, 264, HB 2080
HB 2208 / S. Sub. for HB 2208	Establishing rural emergency hospitals as a rural healthcare licensure category; requirements for licensure; certification and funding for certified community behavioral health clinics; prescribing powers, duties and functions of KDADS and KDHE related thereto; authorizing telemedicine waivers for out-of-state healthcare providers; expanding out-of-state temporary permits to practice behavioral sciences professions; establishing the rural hospital innovation grant program	Passed, as amended	Passed, as amended	Passed as S. Sub. for HB 2208	Passed as S. Sub. for HB 2208	Signed; Related bills: SBs 138,175, Sub. for HB 2066, HB 2174
HB 2412	Enacting the Kansas Fights Addiction Act	Passed, as amended	Passed, as amended			
Child Welfare Bills						
SB 120	Establishing the Joint Committee on Child Welfare System Oversight	Passed	Passed	Passed, as amended	Stricken from Calendar	
SB 301	Establishing the Office of the Child Advocate within the office of the Attorney General and the Joint Committee on Child Welfare System Oversight.	Hearing, no vote				Related bill: S. Sub for HB 2153
HB 2088	Requiring visual observation of an alleged victim of child abuse or neglect as part of an investigation	Passed, as amended	Passed, as amended			Related bill: HB 2158
HB 2115	Establishing the Joint Committee on Child Welfare System Oversight.	Passed, as amended	Passed, as amended	Passed, as amended		Related bill: HB 2158
HB 2116	Exempting the caregiver of a child in state out-of-home placement from the childcare assistance 20-hour-per-week work requirement	Passed	Passed	Passed, as amended		Related bill: HB 2158
HB 2153 / S. Sub. for HB 2153	Creating the Child Advocate Act; establishing the Office of the Child Advocate within the office of the Attorney General and the Joint Committee on Child Welfare System Oversight	Passed	Passed	Passed substitute bill	Passed substitute bill	Related bill: SB 301
HB 2158	Establishing the Joint Committee on Child Welfare System Oversight; requiring visual observation of an alleged victim of child abuse or neglect as part of an investigation; exempting the caregiver of a child in state out-of-home placement from the child-care assistance 20-hour-per-week work requirement	Passed	Passed	Passed, as amended	Passed, as amended	Signed; Related bills: SB 170, S. Sub for HB 2063, HBs 2088, 2115, 2116, 2448
HB 2448	Permitting the Secretary for DCF to license certain family foster homes where a former foster care youth with juvenile adjudications resides	Passed	Passed			Related bill: HB 2158
COVID-19 and KEMA Bills						
SB 14	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; relating to the state of disaster emergency powers of the governor and executive officers; authorizing the expanded use of telemedicine in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency; providing for temporary suspension of certain healthcare professional licensing and practice requirements; relating to limitations on business liability associated with the COVID-19 public health emergency	Passed	Passed	Hearing, no vote, referred to Committee of the Whole	Passed	Signed

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SB 40	Prescribing powers, duties and functions of the board of education of each school district, the governing body of each community college and the governing body of each technical college related to the COVID-19 health emergency; modifying the procedure for the declaration and extension of a state of disaster emergency under KEMA; prohibiting certain actions by the governor related to the COVID-19 health emergency and revoking all executive orders related to such emergency on March 31, 2021; establishing judicial review for certain executive orders issued during a state of disaster emergency and certain actions taken by a local unit of government during a state of local disaster emergency	Passed, as amended	Passed, as amended	Passed,	Passed, as amended	Signed; Related bills: SB 38, H. Sub. for Sub. for SB 273, HB 2416 Note: On July 14, 2021, Johnson Co. district court judge ruled SB 40 unenforceable because it violates certain constitutional principles. Appeal filed July 21, 2021
SB 212	Granting immunity for exposing another to infectious disease due to a lack of immunization; prohibiting an employer from taking adverse employment action based on an employee's immunization status; prohibiting the Secretary of KDHE from requiring additional immunizations to attend a childcare facility or school.	Passed, as amended				Related bill: SB 213
SB 213	Prohibiting an employer from taking any adverse employment action against an employee because of the employee's vaccination status	Hearing, no vote				Related bill: SB 212
SB 273 / Sub. for SB 273/ H. Sub. for Sub. for SB 273	Enacting the COVID-19 small business relief act to provide funds for impacted small businesses; created the COVID-19 Small Business Relief Fund of the Legislative Coordinating Council and the COVID-19 Small Business Relief Claims Board	Passed substitute bill	Passed, as amended	Passed substitute bill	Passed	Veto sustained; Related bills: SB 40; Sub. for SB 286, HB 2451
SB 283	Continuing the governmental response to the COVID-19 pandemic in Kansas by extending the expanded use of telemedicine; extending the authority of the Board of Healing Arts to grant certain temporary emergency licenses; immunity from civil liability for certain healthcare providers and certain persons conducting business in the state for COVID-19 claims until March 31, 2022	Passed, as amended	Passed, as amended	Passed, as amended	Passed, as amended	Signed
SB 286 / Sub. for SB 286	Enacting the COVID-19 business relief act to provide funds for impacted businesses; create the COVID-19 Business Relief Fund and the COVID-19 Business Relief Claims Board	Passed substitute bill	Passed, as amended			Related bill: H. Sub. for SB 273
SB 295	Giving counties the authority to adopt prioritized COVID-19 vaccination plans separate from state guidelines.	Passed				
SB 304	Removing the sunset provision in the COVID-19 contact tracing privacy act.	Passed	Passed			
HB 2126	Providing immunity from civil liability for COVID-19 claims for certain covered facilities, including adult care homes, community mental health centers, crisis intervention centers, community service providers and community developmental disability organizations	Passed, as amended	Passed, as amended	Passed	Passed	Signed
HB 2416	Modifying the procedure for declaring and extending a state of disaster emergency; limiting powers granted to the governor during a state of disaster emergency; prohibiting the governor or the State Board of Education from closing private schools during a state of disaster emergency	Passed, as amended	Passed, as amended			Related bill: SB 40

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Health Insurance Bills						
SB 29	Amending existing law governing short-term, limited duration policies to redefine such policies to specify a policy period of less than 12 months and offer renewal or extension periods up to a maximum policy period of 36 months total in duration and remove language required to be included in STLDI contracts and application materials regarding their noncompliance with federal ACA requirements	Passed, as amended	Passed, as amended	Passed, as amended	Passed, as amended	Veto sustained; Related bills: H. Sub for SB 78, SB 199, S. Sub. for HB 2072
SB 199	Amending existing law governing short-term, limited duration policies	Passed, as amended	Passed, as amended			Related bill: SB 29
KanCare Bills						
SB 154	Increasing reimbursement rates for providers of home and community-based services under the intellectual or developmental disability waiver; making appropriations for FYs ending June 30, 2021, and June 30, 2022, for KDADS	Passed, as amended				
HB 2046	Increasing reimbursement rates for providers of home and community-based services under the intellectual or developmental disability waiver; making appropriations for FYs ending June 30, 2021, and June 30, 2022, for KDADS	Hearing, no vote				
Licensing and Scope of Practice Bills						
SB 77	Enacting the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact.	Passed	Passed	Passed, as amended	Passed, as amended	Signed
SB 170	Enacting the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact to provide for interjurisdictional authorization to practice telepsychology and temporary, in-person, face-to-face psychology; enacting the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact	Passed	Passed	Passed, as amended	Passed, as amended	Signed; Related bills: HBs 2158, 2209, 2279
HB 2066 / Sub. for HB 2066	Expanding the military spouse and service member's expedited licensure law to all applicants who have established or intend to establish residency in Kansas	Passed substitute bill	Passed substitute bill, as amended	Passed	Passed, as amended	Signed; Related bill: S. Sub. for HB 2208
HB 2124	Clarifying the authority of healing arts school clinics to provide healing arts services	Passed	Passed	Passed	Passed	Signed; Related bill: SB 55
HB 2209	Enacting the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact to provide for interjurisdictional authorization to practice telepsychology and temporary in-person, face-to-face psychology	Passed, as amended	Passed, as amended	Passed, as amended		Related bill: SB 170
HB 2279	Enacting the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact	Passed, as amended	Passed, as amended	Passed, as amended		Related bill: SB 170
Marijuana Bills						
SB 158 / H. Sub. for SB 158	Enacting the Kansas Medical Marijuana Regulation Act; licensure and regulation of the manufacture, transportation and sale of medical cannabis; prescribing powers, duties and functions of the Secretary of KDHE, Secretary of Revenue, Board of Healing Arts and Board of Pharmacy; establishing the Medical Marijuana Business Entity Regulation Fund; allowing counties to prohibit licensed facilities	Passed, as amended	Passed, as amended	Passed substitute bill, as amended	Passed, as amended	Ruled materially changed and referred to Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee; Related bills: SB 36, HB 2184
HB 2184	Enacting the Kansas Medical Marijuana Regulation Act; licensure and regulation of the manufacture, transportation and sale of medical cannabis	Hearing, no vote				Related bill: H. Sub. for SB 158
Sales Tax Bills						
SB 296	Adjusting the rate of sales and compensating use tax on food and food ingredients	Hearing, no vote				
HB 2091	Providing a refundable income tax credit for certain purchases of food and discontinuing the nonrefundable food sales tax credit.	Hearing, no vote				

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Tobacco and Electronic Cigarette Bills						
HB 2061	Increasing the minimum age to purchase or possess cigarettes and tobacco products from 18 to 21; prohibiting cigarette vending machines and flavored vaping products.	No hearing				
HB 2340	Increasing the minimum age to 21 to purchase or possess cigarettes and tobacco products.	Passed				
Other Bills						
SB 51	Requiring the State Department of Education and DCF to publish a Kansas foster care children academic report card	Passed	Passed	Passed		Related bill: HB 2134
SB 63 / H. Sub. for SB 63	Enacting the Back-to-School Act to require school districts to provide a full-time, in person attendance option for all students beginning March 31, 2021, for school year 2020-2021	Passed, as amended	Passed, as amended	Passed substitute bill	Passed	Signed; Related bills: SB 235, HB 2134
SB 175	Making and concerning appropriations for the Department of Education for FYs ending June 30, 2021, June 30, 2022, and June 30, 2023; creating the Student Empowerment Act to provide education savings accounts to certain students; requiring the school term to be conducted through in-person education and allowing for limited remote learning	Passed, as amended	Passed, as amended	Passed, as amended	Passed, as amended	CCR not adopted by Senate; Related bills: Sub. for HB 2119, HBs 2134, 2208, 2261
SB 238 / Sub. for SB 238	Requiring emergency medical services operators be overseen by medical directors or physicians; clarifying duties and functions of the State Board of Pharmacy; defining telepharmacy and requiring the adoption of rules and regulations related thereto	Passed substitute bill	Passed, as amended	Passed, as amended	Passed, as amended	Signed; Related bills: SB 138, HBs 2234, 2280
HB 2007	Appropriations for FY 2021, FY 2022, FY 2023 and FY 2024 for state agencies	Passed	Passed	Passed, as amended	Passed, as amended	Signed, with 26 line-item vetoes; four line-item vetoes overridden; Related bill: SB 26
HB 2058	Providing reciprocity for licenses to carry concealed handguns and creating a new class of concealed carry license for individuals 18 to 20 years of age	Passed, as amended	Passed, as amended	Passed, as amended	Passed, as amended	Veto overridden; Related bill: HB 2089
HB 2089 / Sub. for HB 2089	Creating law related to firearm safety education programs conducted in public school districts; allowing a local school board to provide firearm safety education programs; directing the State Board of Education to establish curriculum guidelines for a standardized firearm safety education program	Passed substitute bill	Passed	Passed, as amended	Passed, as amended	Veto sustained; Related bill: HB 2058
HB 2114	Establishing the Senior Care Task Force; a Kansas elder and dependent abuse multidisciplinary team coordinator and teams; prescribing requirements for membership and reporting to the Legislature; requiring additional persons to report abuse, neglect or financial exploitation of adults	Passed, as amended	Passed, as amended	Passed, as amended	Passed, as amended	Signed; Related bills: HBs 2150, 2151
HB 2134	Making appropriations for the Kansas State Department of Education for FY 2021, FY 2022 and FY 2023; requiring a Kansas foster care children annual academic report card; authorizing limited remote learning	Passed	Passed	Passed, as amended	Passed, as amended	Signed; Related bills: SBs 28, 32, 51, H. Sub. for SB 63, SBs 173, 175, HBs 2067, 2068
HB 2150	Creating a definition of financial exploitation; requiring additional mandatory reporters and increasing investigation days in the abuse, neglect and financial exploitation of certain adults	Passed, as amended	Passed, as amended			Related bill: HB 2114
HB 2151	Creating a Kansas elder and dependent adult abuse multidisciplinary team coordinator and elder and dependent adult abuse multidisciplinary teams	Passed	Passed	Passed		Related bill: HB 2114

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HB 2174	Establishing the rural hospital innovation grant program to assist rural hospitals in serving rural communities	Hearing, no vote				Related bill: S. Sub. for HB 2208
HB 2234	Requiring medical directors of emergency medical services to provide medical oversight of such services and emergency medical service providers	Passed	Passed	Passed		Related bill: Sub. for SB 238
HB 2261	Enacting the Rural Emergency Hospital Act to provide for the licensure of rural emergency hospitals	Passed	Stricken from Calendar			Related bill: SB 175
HB 2280	Allowing patients to sign a liability waiver to be prescribed off-label use drugs; defining telepharmacy and requiring rules and regulations be adopted for oversight and administration thereof	Passed	Passed, as amended	Passed, as amended		Related bills: SB 211, Sub. for SB 238