

# Kansas State Nurses Association **Legislative Update**



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The Kansas State Nurses Association is watching the following bills this 2016 Legislative Session:

- HB 2451      Expanding mandatory reporters of child abuse (adding animal control officers. . . and persons authorized to take custody of an animal . . . when investigating suspected cruelty to animals.)
- SB 9            Cannabis Compassion and Care Act (Medicinal Marijuana)
- HB 2058 and SB 265      The Kansas Caregiver Advise, Record, Enable (CARE) Act sponsored by AARP the requires documentation of the name of the caregiver upon admission and mandates discharge teaching.
- HB 2313      Healthcare Worker Assault Legislation sponsored by ENA, law enforcement, KMS, EMS and KHA, making assault on a healthcare worker a high level misdemeanor
- SB 274        Increase unbelted seatbelt fines from \$10 to \$60 that would also fund the SAFE program, a seat belt education program for Kansas high schools.
- HB 2515      Abolishing the death penalty and creating the crime of aggravated murder, and provide for sentences of imprisonment for life without the possibility of parole. The legislation would not be retroactive to people on death row nor apply in cases where the crime was committed before July 1, 2016.
- HB 2482      Amends and clarifies The Nurse Educator Service Scholarship Program Act that grants scholarship funding to nursing students who attend a school of nursing within the State of Kansas that is approved by the KSNB to grant a Master of Science or Doctoral Degree in Nursing; and who also agree to be a nurse educator in Kansas

Issues to monitor:

The Community Paramedic  
Expanding Medicaid  
Opiates-Pain Medication Guidelines being adopted in some states.  
Full practice authority for APRNs in the VA  
Fee Fund sweeps: KSNB and Children's Initiatives Fund



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