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1) Governor Signs Kansas Tort Claims Act Notice Bill

On Wednesday, Governor Brownback signed [HB 2246](#). [HB 2246](#) amends the Kansas Tort Claims Act (KTCA) to require that notice be given to an employer before a lawsuit can be filed against a public employee for acts done in the scope and course of the employee's employment. The Kansas Supreme Court recently ruled, in *Whaley v. Sharp*, that a suit against a public employee in which the employer is not a party does not require any notice to the employer under the KTCA. [HB 2246](#), which was introduced by the League, becomes law on July 1, 2015. The League appreciates the cooperation provided by the legislature and the governor to enact this legislation.

2) Register Now for the Governing Body Institute in

Topeka

Join us May 15 & 16 in Topeka for the 2015 Governing Body Institute (GBI) and Kansas Mayors Conference. Attending GBI is the first step new officials should take toward success in public office, so please share the link below with newly elected officials. Re-elected officials or longer-term appointed officials will also value the up-to-date information on municipal operations and networking opportunities this conference offers.

For more information and to register, click [here](#).

3) League Accepting Topics for Annual Conference

The 2015 League Annual Conference will be held in Topeka, October 10-12, at the Capitol Plaza Hotel & Kansas Expocentre. To prepare for this event, the League has started collecting ideas for topics and speakers. Please consider significant issues facing your community that may warrant a roundtable or workshop session. You can submit your idea [here](#).

Thank you in advance for helping to make the League's Annual Conference a continued success!

4) Kansas Mayor of the Year Nomination Deadline April 17

The Kansas Mayors Association is soliciting nominations for the Mayor of the Year Award that will be presented at the Governing Body Institute and Kansas Mayors Conference May 15-16 in Topeka. Please take this opportunity to nominate a mayor you feel has uniquely contributed to his/her community and to the Kansas Mayors Association.

[Kansas Mayor of the Year Award Nomination Form](#)

5) City of Haysville Wins the League's First Annual Kansas Hometown Showdown

Congratulations to the City of Haysville, which edged out the City of Independence in the first annual Kansas Hometown Showdown sponsored by the League. Aside from bragging rights, the winning photo will be used on a future cover of the League's magazine, the *Kansas Government Journal*.

6) Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery Grant Program

The United States Department of Transportation has announced that \$500 million is available for transportation projects under the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery Grant Program. The pre-application deadline is May 4, 2015, by 11:59 p.m. EDT. Click [here](#), to learn more about the program.

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