

Legislation the League is Monitoring

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**SB 133: Immunity from Criminal Prosecution and Alcoholic Consumption by Minors**

**Description:** This bill would provide immunity to up to two minors in possession or having consumed alcohol if requesting medical assistance on behalf of someone who is in need of medical assistance.

**Last Action:** Passed

**Lobbyist:** [Eric Smith](#)

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**H Sub SB 280: Omnibus Property Tax Bill**

**Description:** This bill includes language from HB 2714, HB 2472, HB 2071, HB 2167, HB 2474, HB 2476, HB 2168, HB 2719, and HB 2706.

**Last Action:** Passed; Effective July 1, 2016

**Lobbyist:** [Eric Smith](#)

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**SB 335: Adding Surcharges to Vehicle Registration**

**Description:** This bill would add a \$2 Kansas Highway Patrol Staffing and Training to increase employment and a \$1.25 Law Enforcement Training Center surcharge.

**Last Action:** Died in Committee

**Lobbyist:** [Cindy Green](#)

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**SB 360: KOMA and Justifications for Closed Meetings**

**Description:** This bill would modify the Kansas Open Meetings Act to require a statement in motions to recess for closed or executive meetings to include a statement describing the particular subjects to be discussed and justification for closing the meeting.

**Last Action:** Died in Committee

**Lobbyist:** [Eric Smith](#)

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**SB 367: Amendments to the Juvenile Justice System**

**Description:** This bill makes significant changes to the current juvenile justice system based on the recommendations of the Kansas Juvenile Justice Workgroup.

**Last Action:** Passed; Effective July 1, 2016

**Lobbyist:** [Eric Smith](#)

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**SB 378: Amendments to the Kansas Act Against Discrimination**

**Description:** This bill would bring within the Kansas Act Against Discrimination an existing prohibition on discharge, discrimination or retaliation against an employee who is a victim of domestic violence or sexual assault for taking time off from work to obtain relief or medical services.

**Last Action:** Stricken from Calendar

**Lobbyist:** [Eric Smith](#)

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**SB 412: Water District No. 1 and Easement**

**Description:** This bill would allow the Water District No. 1 of Johnson County to use an existing easement for the purpose of building and maintaining infrastructure related to operating hydropower generation equipment and facilities for electricity generation.

**Last Action:** Passed; Effective July 1, 2016

**Lobbyist:** [Erik Sartorius](#)

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**SB 493: Community Finance Fees (Related to STAR Bonds)**

**Description:** This bill would allow the Department of Commerce to assess an application fee up to \$750 on applications for myriad of state programs. It would also require a 1.0% fee of the amount of special obligation bonds payable from revenues issued for STAR bond projects.

**Last Action:** Died in Committee

**Lobbyist:** [Erik Sartorius](#)

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**Senate Sub. for HB 2049: Amending Criminal Penalties for Possession of Marijuana and Burglary**

**Description:** This bill would amend the penalties for possession of marijuana and create a special sentencing rule for burglary of a dwelling dependent on the offender's criminal history. The bill would also amend definition and penalties for aggravated burglary and burglary.

**Last Action:** Died in Committee

**Lobbyist:** [Eric Smith](#)

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**HB 2210: County Commissions and Special Elections**

**Description:** This bill would require that vacancies on county commissions arising because of an increase in county commissioner districts are no longer filled by appointment of the Governor, but would be filled by a special election.

**Last Action:** Died in Committee

**Lobbyist:** [Cindy Green](#)

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**HB 2325: Enacting the Public Employee Bargaining Transparency Act**

**Description:** This bill would require collective bargaining sessions between a public employer and a labor organization to be considered a public meeting and subject to KOMA.

**Last Action:** Died in Committee

**Lobbyist:** [Larry Baer](#)

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**HB 2438: Adjoining City's Inclusion in Fire Districts**

**Description:** This bill allows all or part of any city to be included within a fire district if they have adjoining boundaries.

**Last Action:** Passed; Effective March 24, 2016

**Lobbyist:** [Cindy Green](#)

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**HB 2450: Increasing Speed Limit on Certain Highways**

**Description:** This bill would increase the maximum speed limit on any separated multilane highway from 75 to 80 miles per hour.

**Last Action:** Died in Committee

**Lobbyist:** [Larry Baer](#)

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**[HB 2451](#): Animal Control Officers and Reports of Child Abuse**

**Description:** This bill would add Animal Control Officers to the list of mandated reporters of suspected child abuse or neglect.

**Last Action:** Died in Committee

**Lobbyist:** [Eric Smith](#)

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**[HB 2462](#): Thefts and Felony**

**Description:** This bill would increase the amount before theft is considered a felony. Would increase the current value of \$1,000 to \$1,500.

**Last Action:** Passed; Effective July 1, 2016

**Lobbyist:** [Eric Smith](#)

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**[HB 2474](#): Tax Liens and Abandoned or Repossessed Property**

**Description:** This bill would allow a tax lien on the owner or lessee of certain real property that was previously abandoned or repossessed, after it has been assessed taxes and before any taxes are paid.

**Last Action:** Died in Committee

**Lobbyist:** [Larry Baer](#)

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**[HB 2476](#): County Treasurers and Tax Lists**

**Description:** This bill would require a county treasurer to check the delinquent real property tax list prior to allowing certain claims against the county.

**Last Action:** Died in Committee

**Lobbyist:** [Larry Baer](#)

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**[HB 2479](#): Amendments to the Kansas Noxious Weed Law**

**Description:** This bill would require that if noxious weeds are not being properly controlled by a county government, the Kansas Department of Agriculture could request the board take action and should the county not do so, it would allow the KDA to take the necessary action to control noxious weeds and be reimbursed by the county.

**Last Action:** Died on Calendar

**Lobbyist:** [Larry Baer](#)

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**[HB 2491](#): Filing of Water Permits**

**Description:** This bill would require owners of water rights or permits to appropriate water for beneficial use to file annual water use permits with the chief engineer of the Division of Water Resources in the Department of Agriculture.

**Last Action:** Stricken from Calendar

**Lobbyist:** [Erik Sartorius](#)

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**[HB 2496](#): Property Taxes and Calculation for County Appraisers**

**Description:** This bill would allow county treasurers to calculate and collect estimated property taxes due on personal property when the owner sells or transfers the personal property, but before the mill levy is certified. The estimated property taxes are based on the appraiser's latest assessed valuation.

**Last Action:** Died in Committee

**Lobbyist:** [Larry Baer](#)

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**[HB 2499: Public Improvement Districts and Retailers' Sales Tax](#)**

**Description:** This bill would allow the Sherwood Improvement District Board of Directors to submit a question of imposing 1.0% sales tax to voters for financing the cost of road and drainage improvements and maintenance within the district.

**Last Action:** Died in Committee

**Lobbyist:** [Larry Baer](#)

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**[Senate Sub. for HB 2509: Administrative Fees for Economic Development Programs](#)**

**Description:** This bill would grant the Kansas Department of Commerce discretionary authority to assess and collect fees for administration of various economic development programs. For STAR bond districts, it would be 1% of the amount of bonds issued, but not to exceed \$200,000.

**Last Action:** Passed; Effective July 1, 2016

**Lobbyist:** [Cindy Green](#)

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**[HB 2517: Waste Tire Tax and Management Fund](#)**

**Description:** This bill would reduce the waste wire tax from \$.25 to \$.15 per and, in doing so, it would eliminate the Waste Tire Grant Program.

**Last Action:** Died in Committee

**Lobbyist:** [Erik Sartorius](#)

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**[HB 2538: Conceal Carry and Minimum Age](#)**

**Description:** This bill would reduce the minimum age to be eligible for a license to carry a concealed handgun from 21 to 18 years of age.

**Last Action:** Died in Committee

**Lobbyist:** [Eric Smith](#)

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**[HB 2545: Release of Information and Warrants](#)**

**Description:** This bill would amend statutory provisions that would allow affidavits or sworn testimony supporting arrest warrants and search warrants are considered disclosed information that would become part of the court record and be made accessible to the public

**Last Action:** Passed; Effective July 1, 2016

**Lobbyist:** [Eric Smith](#)

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**[HB 2613: Audits for Fire Districts](#)**

**Description:** This bill would allow a county governing body to audit any fire district located within the county. The township(s) where the fire district is located would be responsible for the audit cost.

**Last Action:** Passed; Effective July 1, 2016

**Lobbyist:** [Larry Baer](#)

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**HB 2614: Audits for Sewer Districts**

**Description:** This bill would increase the threshold at which sewer districts must seek competitive bids from \$1,000 to \$2,500.

**Last Action:** Passed

**Lobbyist:** [Larry Baer](#)

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**HB 2632: Selling Assets of KBA and STAR Bond Restrictions**

**Description:** This bill would authorize the state finance council to sell assets of the Kansas Bioscience Authority. Additionally, it would add restrictions on the formation of STAR bond projects, change the definition of “eligible area” to include buildings 65 years or older and continuous lots which are vacant or condemned, and authorizes Commerce to pledge a portion of the state sales and use taxes generated within a district instead of all such revenues.

**Last Action:** Passed; Effective May 19, 2016

**Lobbyist:** [Larry Baer](#)

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**HB 2696: CPOST and Highway Patrol Funding**

**Description:** This bill would allow the division of vehicles to increase fees to be directed to the Kansas Highway Patrol Staffing and Training Fund and would add money to fund CPOST.

**Last Action:** Passed; Effective July 1, 2016

**Lobbyist:** [Eric Smith](#)