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News & Information for the people of the 29th District

A Note on the Chiefs Parade Shooting

Less than a week after Moms Demand Action volunteers visited the Capitol to advocate for gun safety, at least 22 people were shot, and one person killed at the Kansas City Chiefs' Super Bowl celebration rally.

What should have been a day of celebration turned into a day of devastation. Kansas families should be able to celebrate in public without the threat of being shot. We can't continue to accept routine, preventable gun violence as normal.

Thank you to the brave first responders who moved quickly to secure the scene. My thoughts go out to the families and loved ones of the victims.

This Past Week at the Capitol

This week marked the last week for bill introductions. With a few exceptions, as of Friday at 5 p.m., no more bills can be introduced for the 2024 session. Next week is turnaround – the midway marker for session and the deadline for most bills to clear their house of origin. With a few exceptions, bills that do not make it out of their first chamber will remain in committee and are considered “dead” for the session.

We had many guests in the Capitol this week! On the Senate floor, we honored students from across the state participating in the [Jobs for America's Graduates-Kansas \(JAG-K\)](#) program. The organization partners with public schools, communities, and employers to help students overcome challenges and prepare for successful futures.



New Bills Introduced

SB 464

AN ACT creating the Kansas minority, woman, disadvantaged and service-disabled veteran small business enterprise development act; providing for development of such business enterprises through a program to facilitate and increase participation by such business enterprises in providing goods and services to state agencies and postsecondary educational institutions; establishing the office of minority and women business development within the department of commerce to develop such program and assist state agencies and postsecondary educational institutions to establish plans and goals for such participation; providing for an advisory committee on certified small business enterprises that may be established by the assistant director of such office; authorizing the adoption of rules and regulations; providing for penalties for violations of the provisions of the act or rules and regulations adopted pursuant to the act.



SB 500

AN ACT concerning drivers' licenses; authorizing certain individuals to be eligible for restricted driving privileges; permitting individuals with restricted driving privileges to drive to and from dropping off or picking up children from school or child care; amending K.S.A. 8-286 and 8-2110 and repealing the existing sections. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:



(Testimony given in Judiciary Committee SB 500)

SB 508

AN ACT concerning veterans; relating to forms of identification; permitting homeless veterans to use alternative forms of proof of identity and residency when applying for nondriver identification cards; eliminating fees for homeless veterans to obtain birth certificates and nondriver identification cards; amending K.S.A. 8-1324 and 65-2418 and repealing the existing sections.

CO-SPONSORED BILL:

By Senators Blasi, Alley, Erickson, Fagg, Faust Goudeau, Kerschen, Masterson, Petersen and Ware

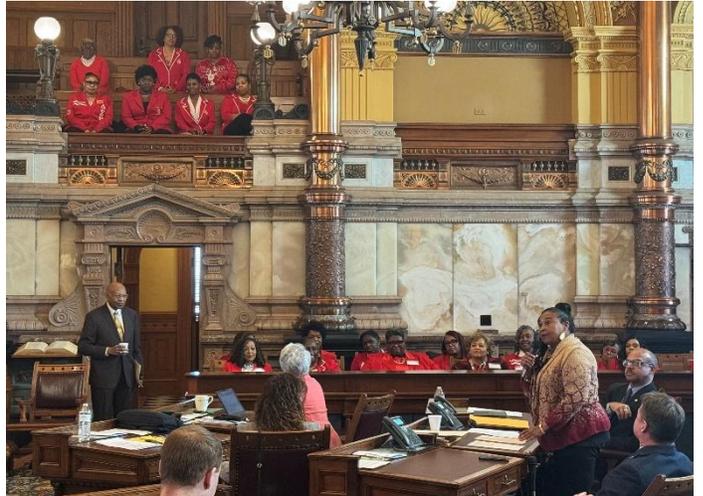
SB 421

AN ACT concerning sales taxation; relating to exemptions; providing a sales tax exemption for exploration place, inc.; amending K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 79-3606 and repealing the existing section. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas: Section 1.

Delta Day at The Capitol

Senators Faust-Goudeau, Haley and Pittman introduced the following Senate resolution, which was read: SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1739— A RESOLUTION recognizing the members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., for their outstanding service to the citizens of our state, our nation and the international community and their promotion of sisterhood, scholarship and service. WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., is a private, not-for-profit organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and support to local communities throughout the world in diverse fields relating to public service through the organization's established five-point programmatic thrust: Economic development, educational development, international awareness and involvement, physical and mental health, and political awareness and involvement;

On emergency motion of Senator Faust-Goudeau SR 1739 was adopted



Black Legislative Day At The Capitol



Gov. Laura Kelly poses for photos after signing a proclamation designating Black History Month for the state during a ceremony at the Statehouse Monday, Feb. 19, 2024. © Evert Nelson/The Capital-Journal



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It is truly an honor to serve you. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please feel free to contact me by phone at home at 316-652-9067 or by e-mail at oletha29th@aol.com.

Sincerely,

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