



# THE TRUTH REPORT

*A Weekly Rundown of Important Activity in Topeka, from a Principled Perspective*

Week Four - February 03, 2023

“... tax cuts give people more power, and take away from the role of government.” -Rush Limbaugh

## **Topeka, KS-**

As the fourth week comes to a close, we are at a little over 440 bills. The heat has really turned up as conservatives, many of which are KTC members, have introduced and/or heard strong bills which will benefit our children's future.

These bills and their policies are listed under **Conservative Offense**. While most Kansans, especially the politically inclined, have heard of the bills passed and vetoes overridden by the legislature during the past several years, not as much is known about the negative policies the legislature rejects. Examples of new sub par policy suggestions are listed below under **Conservative Defense**.

News was released last night that a semiconductor plant will be built in Wichita. The strategic defense benefits of having this plant in Wichita are superb, but bribing the company with 300 million dollars paid by existing Kansan businesses, which doesn't include federal subsidies from federal taxes, is not the greatest. Thankfully, the legislature kept the executive branch from giving away even more money and added strong claw-back provisions. Time will tell if upping government spending, taxing, and otherwise involving itself in business will help in this case.

## **Conservative Offense**

**Education Savings Accounts.** HB 2218 allows parent's, rather than the state, to decide how to spend education dollars on their child. Parents would be equipped with an ESA and would be able to direct its funds towards tuition, textbooks, tutoring, uniforms, etc. as they see fit.

### **HB 2218**

**Ad Astra Tax Credit.** SB 128 is another education suggestion that would provide a refundable tax credit against the liability of Kansans who have their child(ren) enrolled in accredited non-public school(s). The amount of the tax credit would be base aid, currently around four thousand dollars. The hearing for SB 128 will be on 09FEB.

## [SB 33](#)

**Fairness in Women's Sports.** HB 2238 is about fairness and valuing women. We believe that, as science says, there are two genders and they are male and female. Women are valuable and should stand up against these harmful trends. The legislature didn't succeed on a veto override on this legislation last year.

## [HB 2238](#)

**Drag Queen Kids' Shows.** SB 149 would designate drag shows as adult entertainment, similar to strip clubs. As healthy as exposing a second grader to a drag show or pole dance sounds, this would only allow parents to do so in their own home.

## [SB 149](#)

**The Pregnancy Resource Act.** HB 2135 and SB 96 would allow 70% of donations to eligible nonprofits to replace state income taxes of the donor. Eligible nonprofits include Kansas pregnancy centers and residential maternity facilities that do not provide abortions and are unaffiliated with abortion clinics. Refundable donations would not exceed, in total, 10 million dollars per year to all the nonprofits. Each bill had its own hearing yesterday. There was overwhelming in-person proponent support and written-only opposition.

## [SB 96](#)

## [HB 2135](#)

**Eddie the Eagle.** SB 116 would allow individual school districts to teach firearm safety to their students using certified firearms instructors and law enforcement. As the actual decision to utilize the program rests with the parents and school boards, the state should allow this. Should the parents desire, providing rifle safety classes before deer season is just common sense.

## [SB 116](#)

**DUI Child Support.** HB 2280 would require those convicted of a DUI who killed a parent of a child during the offense, to pay child support. This is part of bearing the responsibility for one's own decisions.

## [HB 2280](#)

**Election DAY.** HB 2056 would require all ballots be cast on election day by 7 pm- instead of allowing a three day grace period. Life is full of deadlines and enforcing one that is known years in advance and a serious civic duty is good citizenship. This bill is one of the few past committee and below the line.

## [HB 2056](#)

**EV Road Tax.** HB 2004 would create an excise tax on electric vehicles. Currently, our citizens pay 25 cents per gallon of gasoline toward road and highway maintenance. This bill would create a level playing field in regards to electric vehicles. The green movement has been unfairly subsidized for too long at taxpayers' expense. This bill attempts to resolve the discrepancy

between gas/diesel and electric car owners by ensuring that everyone pays for the roads we all use. This bill had its hearing on Tuesday. The majority of opponents argued that they should use the roads for free because driving an electric vehicle in and of itself is good.

### [HB 2004](#)

**Tax Cuts.** Over 30 tax carve-outs have been proposed in the past four weeks. While we think it is great to lower taxes, it would be better to create an overall more friendly and level tax climate—instead of continuing to exempt certain items or entities. Tax cuts should also pass hand in hand with spending cuts.

**Social Security and Retirement Plan Taxation.** SB 33, 52, and SB 110 are bills proposed to lower the taxes on social security and/or certain retirement plan income. SB 33 and SB 52 will have their hearing on 07FEB.

### [SB 33](#)

### [SB 52](#)

**Credit Card Surcharge.** Current law allows only the state to pass along a credit card surcharge to the consumer. HB 2133 and SB 104 would allow businesses to pass along that surcharge to the customers. This is a transparency issue. Businesses have priced the surcharge into their products and would price them accordingly without the surcharge. When consumers see the surcharge, it will introduce more competition in the credit card market.

### [SB 104](#)

### [HB 2133](#)

**Social Media Censorship.** Senate Bills 1 and 50 work together to seek to address the first amendment right of freedom of speech by creating consequences for social media sites that censor speech that is not legitimately obscene or harassing—such as topics of political expression. Should a social media site include the right to censor non-obscene topics in its terms and services, SB 1 gives citizens the right to complain to the attorney general, who may instate a fine between 500 and 10,000 dollars for each separate instance of unlawful policy. Additionally, service providers may be fined 75,000 dollars or more for each time such policies were enforced. SB 50 elaborates on SB 1, noting that speech that is abjectly pornographic, violent, or harassing may be censored according to the service provider's terms of service. Both bills state that interactive computer services that express that they are publishers in their terms of service are exempt from this rule. SB 50 had its hearing this week. It was supported by over ten Kansas citizens and opposed by mostly out-of-state businesses.

### [SB 1](#)

### [SB 50](#)

## **Conservative Defense**

**Race-Based Police.** SB 134 would push for nonwhite and non "male" citizens from social justice organizations to be appointed by the governor to serve on the Kansas Commission of Peace Officers Standards and Training.

We want experienced law enforcement officers-some elected and all known for their excellence-selecting the training and setting the standards for our peace officers statewide. We do not want woke social justice warriors.

### [SB 134](#)

**Regulating Massage Therapists.** SB 111 would over regulate massage therapists by requiring them to be licensed by the same state board that manages medical doctors. The fees and oversight this would entail would increase the cost of and decrease the access to getting a simple massage.

### [SB 111](#)

**Lock Up Your Guns.** SB 137 would require all guns that the state thinks a child may possibly be able to access to be locked up at all times. We think parents can decide how to handle firearms inside the home and any possible firearms education of children.

### [SB 137](#)

**Gay Marriage.** HB 2177 would remove the statutory provisions that require marriage to be between two parties of the opposite sex. KTC strongly supports traditional marriage and the family unit.

### [HB 2177](#)

## **Upcoming Topics**

**Abortion Pill Reversal.** Soon, a bill will be introduced that would require a notice to accompany the two-pill series for abortion, otherwise known as the abortion pill. This notice would list the steps to potentially save the fetus if the mother changed her mind after taking the first pill.

**Med School Acceptance Factors.** Medical schools across the country are starting to accept students based on their race and/or sexual orientation over academic excellence. Two schools have already discontinued using the MCAT entirely. The organization Do No Harm found, through a FOIA request, that KU reported its medical school to be 70% diverse. The standard for woke medical schools across the country is to reach 85% "diversity." Expect a bill soon ensuring that academic excellence is the primary factor in medical school admissions. Producing as many excellent doctors as possible will improve medical care for everyone-especially for underserved communities that need increased access to that excellent care.

**Medicaid Expansion.** The Truth Caucus is 100% against Medicaid Expansion. We want to help our mentally and/or physically disabled citizens, and we also want to give a hand up to our citizens that fell on rough times. However, we will not support giving handouts or paying able bodied adults to not work.

[Losing Private Insurance](#)

[Medicaid and CHIP Sufficient Coverage](#)

[KS Medicaid Spending](#)

[Mecicaid Myths vs. Facts](#)

**Marijuana.** Legalizing marijuana in any form has the potential to expand government, limit individual liberty, and destroy traditional values.

**ESG.** A bill is in the works regarding ESG. With an anticipated decline in the economy, we want to protect our citizens from outside influences that could prevent them from choosing the wisest investments for their portfolio. Instead, we wish to create an investment environment that provides our citizens with an opportunity to make money in a safe and secure manner.

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*Thank You! That's it for this week!*

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