

# All In For Kansas Kids



## Early Childhood Recommendations Panel



**MEETING** NOVEMBER 15, 2024



# WELCOME

**Thank you** for serving Kansas children, their families, and our state's early childhood care and education professionals!

This is a remote meeting.

- Today's meeting materials are posted on the [Panel Meetings webpage](#) on the Children's Cabinet site.
- Panel members will clearly identify themselves when they begin speaking.
- Panel members can use the "raise hand" feature to show they are ready to share.

# TODAY'S AGENDA

- Welcome
- Approval of November Agenda
- Approval of October Meeting Minutes
- Kansans' Open Forum
- *All in For Kansas Kids* Strategic Plan Progress Update
- Kansas Legislature 101
- Work Group Reports
- Bright Spots & Upcoming Meetings
- Adjourn (*work groups will meet following meeting*)

# ACTION ITEMS

*Panel members - please clearly identify yourself when you begin speaking to make and second a motion.*

- Approval of November agenda
- Approval of October minutes



# KANSANS' OPEN FORUM

*Kansans are encouraged to submit comments through the [Kansans' Open Forum Comment](#) Form by 5:00 p.m. the day preceding each meeting to share written comments or to sign up to share verbal comments with the Panel during this portion of the meeting.*



# All In For Kansas Kids



*All in For Kansas Kids* Strategic  
Plan Progress Update

SARA GARDNER, KU-CPPR



# IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING

- Plan 'Home'
- Alignment with State Agency plans and PDG-funded work
- Your work:
  - What are Actions or Goals that overlap with your work or plans?
  - What do you track or monitor?
- Strategic Plan Monitoring Approach
- Monitoring format – coming soon!

**AIFKK Plan Update**



# All In For Kansas Kids



Kansas Legislature 101

JOHN WILSON, KANSAS ACTION FOR CHILDREN





# Understanding

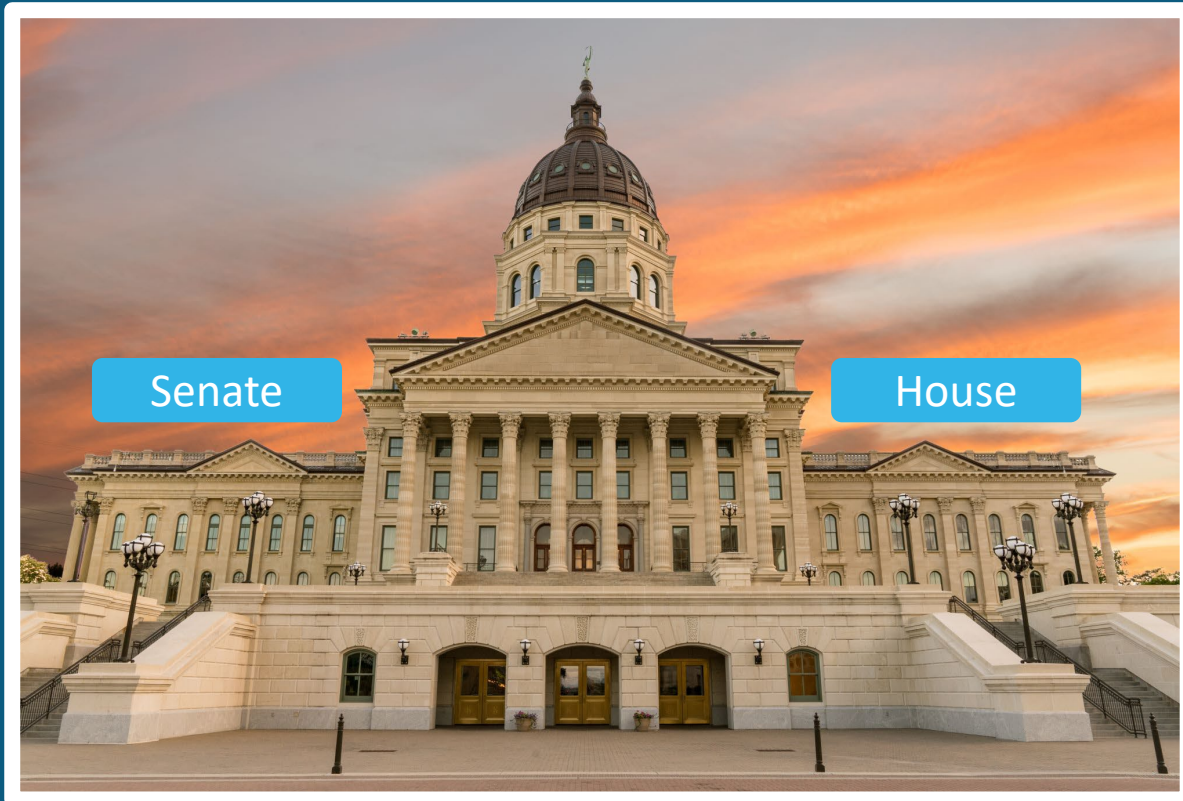
# The Legislature

Let's explore the Who, What, When, Where, and How of the Kansas Legislature. This section will cover the basic legislative process, the structure of the legislature, and the makeup of the legislature.

# The Kansas Legislature

## Where and When?

### The Kansas Statehouse in Topeka



### Legislative Session Timeline

- **Jan:** Session begins
- **Jan/Feb:** Committees hear/work bills
- **Feb:** Chambers vote on bills
- **March:** Bills referred to and worked in opposite chamber
- **April:** Conference Committees & legislative break
- **April/May:** Action by Governor and Veto Session
- **May:** Session ends

# The Kansas Legislature

Who?

*Beginning 1/13/25*  
Kansas House of Representatives



Republicans



Democrats



Pass a Bill



Veto Override

*Beginning 1/13/25*  
Kansas Senate



Republicans



Democrats



Pass a Bill

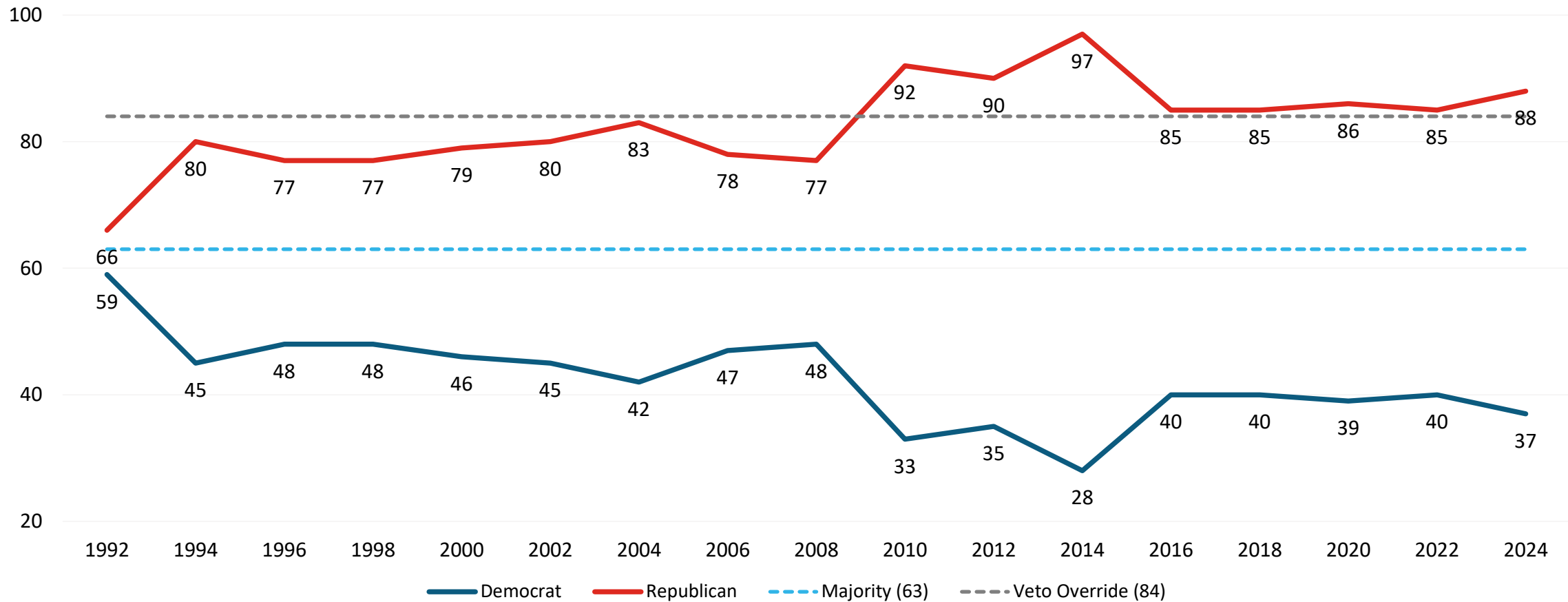


Veto Override

# The Kansas Legislature

Who?

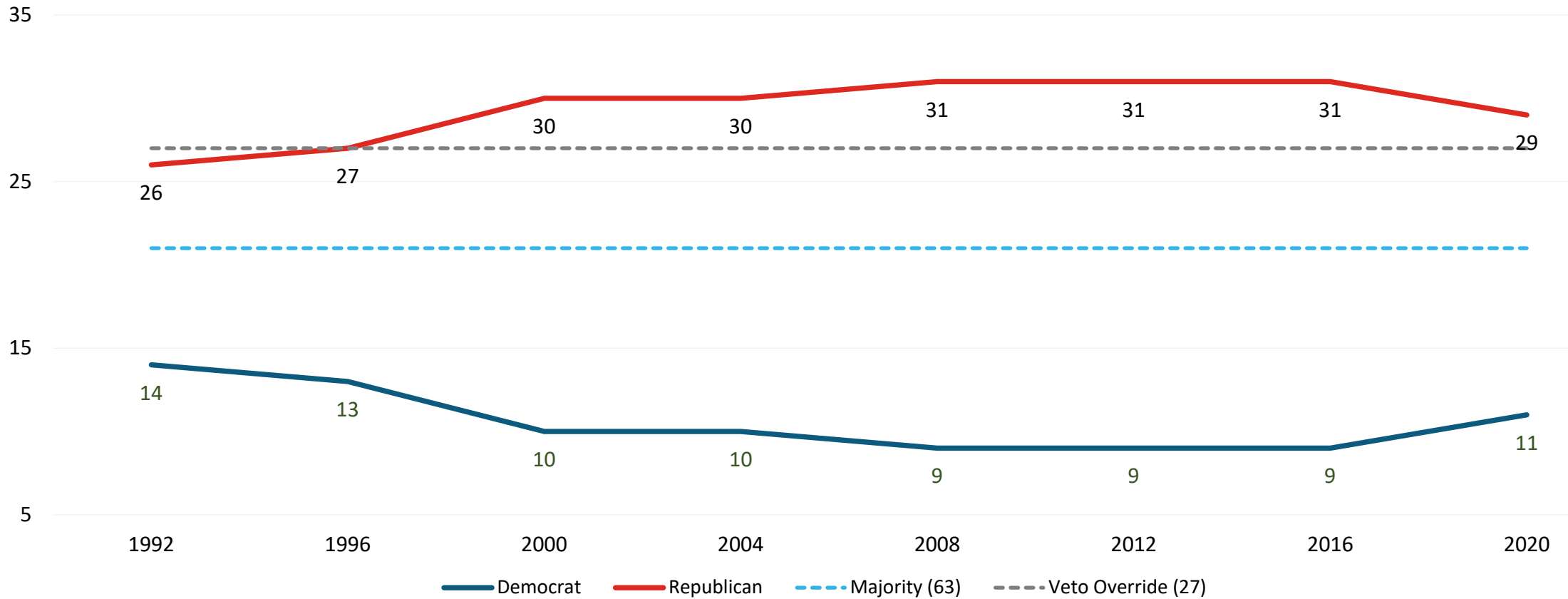
## Kansas House of Representatives Election Results: 1992-2024



# The Kansas Legislature

Who?

### Kansas State Senate Election Results: 1992-2024



# The Kansas Legislature

Who?

*As of 11/14/24*

## Kansas House of Representatives



Speaker

Appoints  
Committee  
Chairs

Makes  
Committee  
Assignments

Assigns Bills to  
Committees



Majority  
Leader

Determines the  
Calendar for  
Floor Debate



Minority  
Leader



Assistant Minority  
Leader

*As of 11/14/24*

## Kansas Senate



President

Appoints  
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Minority  
Leader



Assistant Minority  
Leader

# The Kansas Legislature

Who?

## Typical Committee Structure (House Child Welfare & Foster Care Shown)

Decides which bills are heard and voted on in committee



Chair

Vice Chair

Ranking Member



Member



Member



Member



Member



Member



Member



Member



Member



Member

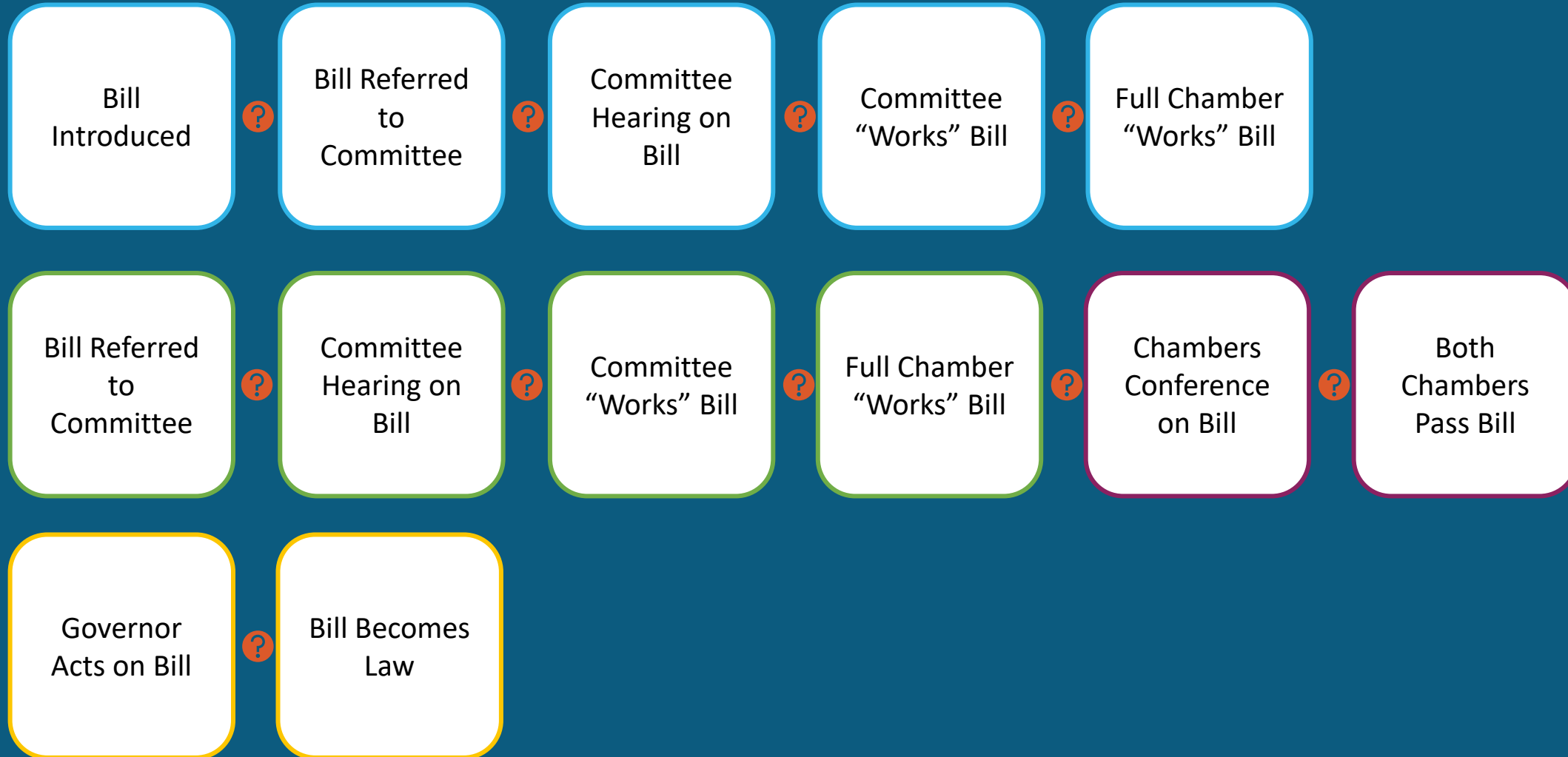


Member

# The Kansas Legislature

## How?

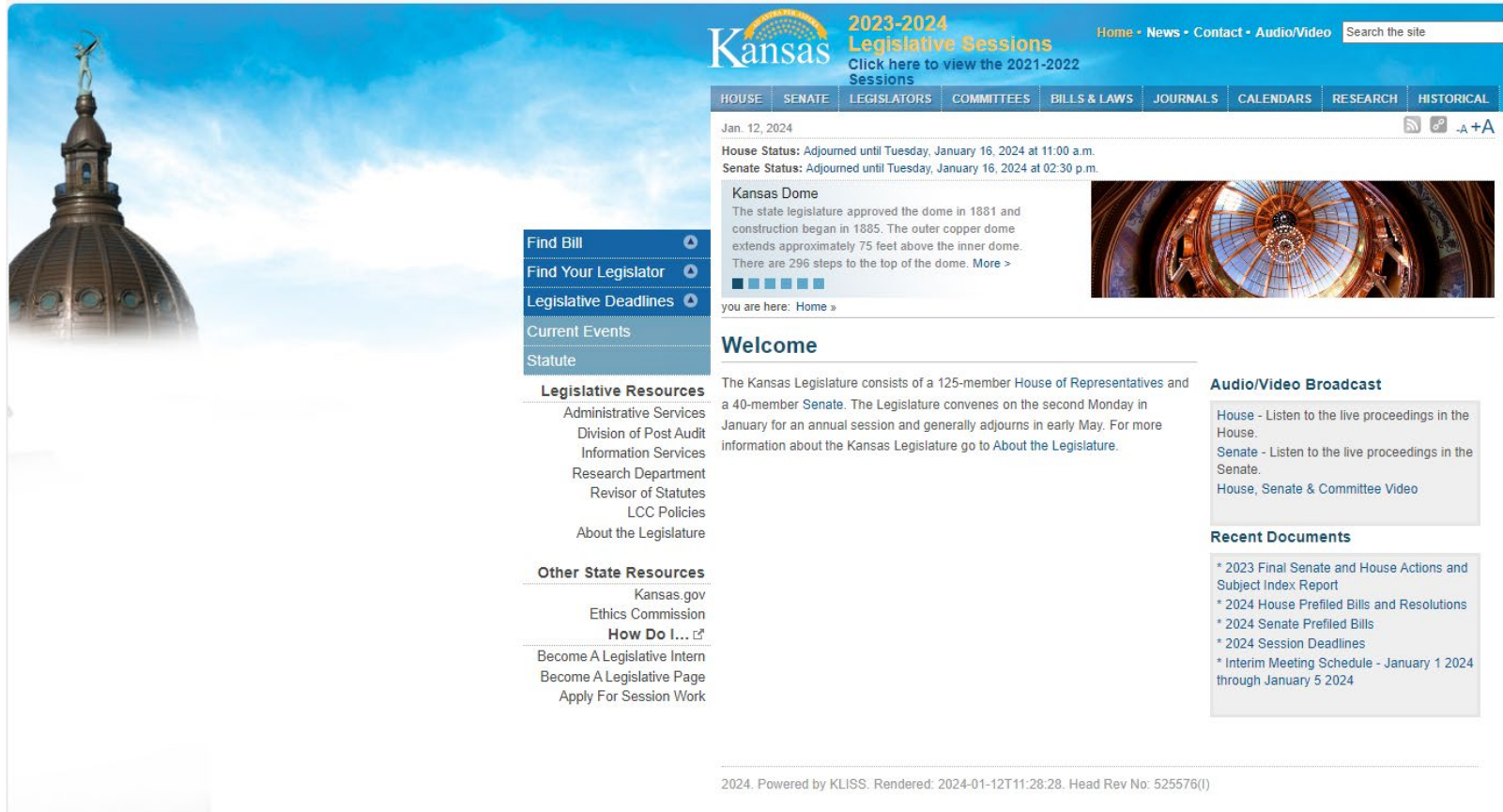
### How a Bill Becomes Law (*Basically*)





# The Kansas Legislature

## How?



The screenshot displays the Kansas Legislature website. At the top left is the Kansas logo with the text '2023-2024 Legislative Sessions' and a link to view the 2021-2022 sessions. A navigation bar includes links for Home, News, Contact, Audio/Video, and a search box. Below this is a secondary menu with categories: HOUSE, SENATE, LEGISLATORS, COMMITTEES, BILLS & LAWS, JOURNALS, CALENDARS, RESEARCH, and HISTORICAL. The main content area shows the date 'Jan. 12, 2024' and the status: 'House Status: Adjourned until Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.' and 'Senate Status: Adjourned until Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 02:30 p.m.'. A featured article titled 'Kansas Dome' includes a photo of the dome and text describing its history. A 'Welcome' section follows, explaining the structure of the legislature. On the right, there are sections for 'Audio/Video Broadcast' and 'Recent Documents'. A left sidebar contains utility links like 'Find Bill', 'Find Your Legislator', and 'Legislative Deadlines'. At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with contact information, logos for 'KANSAS LEGISLATIVE HOTLINE', 'VISIT THE CAPITOL', 'ABC'S OF THE KS LEGISLATURE', 'LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE MANUAL', and 'Notifications', along with the address 'Kansas State Capitol - 300 SW 10th St. - Topeka, Kansas 66612' and a link to 'Portal Policies | Help Center'.

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**HOTLINE**  
In-State: 1.800.432.3924  
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VISIT THE  
**CAPITOL**



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# Preparing for

# Bill Testimony

The legislative process allows for the public to provide input on bills through the testimony. This section will cover the basics of providing verbal or written testimony.

# Preparing & Delivering Testimony

## The Committee Room



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## Things to Know

1

Formalities & Etiquette

2

Written vs. Verbal

3

Responding to Questions

4

Think Beyond the Hearing

5

Prepare for Pushback

# Meeting with

# Lawmakers

Lawmakers are regular people, but it can still be intimidating to talk with them. This section will cover the basics of how to engage with state lawmakers in the Statehouse and beyond.

# Meeting with Lawmakers

## Things to Know

1

Where Meetings May Happen

2

Time  
Constraints

3

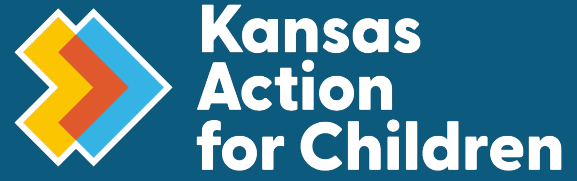
Be Curious  
& Kind

4

Be Helpful

5

Think Beyond the Conversation



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# All In For Kansas Kids



Work Group Reports



# WORK GROUPS

- Family Friendly Workplaces
- Workforce: Exit Interviews
- Workforce: Mental Health Supports
- Workforce: Targeted Journey Recruitment
- System Progress Communications

Overview



# BRIGHT AND SPOTS UPCOMING MEETINGS

**\*\*Bright Spots – Panel members are invited to share\*\***

## **Reminder:** Post Meeting Survey

- Look for an email from Lindsay for an opportunity to provide feedback

## **Upcoming Meetings:**

- Early Childhood Recommendations Panel – December 20, 9:00 a.m.
- Children’s Cabinet and Trust Fund – December 6, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
  - Livestream via [KCCTF YouTube](#)





# Adjourn





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