

KANSAS SENTENCING COMMISSION

Budget Committee Report

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Executive Summary

Summary of Total Expenditures, FY 2023 – FY 2027					
	SGF	All Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	
FY 2023 Actual	\$ 9,878,241	\$ 278,735	\$ 10,156,976	15.0	
FY 2024 Actual	8,604,322	4,499	8,608,821	15.0	
FY 2025 Actual	10,716,259	38,363	10,754,622	15.0	
FY 2026					
Approved, with Reappropriations	\$ 16,041,173	\$ 50,540	\$ 16,091,713	15.0	
Agency Revised Estimate	15,991,897	625	15,992,522	15.0	
Special Committee on the State Budget	13,435,931	625	13,436,556	15.0	
House Committee of the Whole	14,837,855	625	14,838,480	15.0	
Senate Committee of the Whole	15,991,897	625	15,992,522	15.0	
Legislative Approved	15,324,373	625	15,324,998	15.0	
Governor's Recommendation	13,628,349	625	13,628,974	15.0	
FY 2027					
FY 2026 Approved, without Reappropriations	\$ 13,435,931	\$ 50,540	\$ 13,486,471	15.0	
Agency Request	13,449,957	50,680	13,500,637	15.0	
Special Committee on the State Budget	13,449,957	50,680	13,500,637	15.0	
House Committee of the Whole	13,449,957	50,680	13,500,637	15.0	
Senate Committee of the Whole	13,449,957	50,680	13,500,637	15.0	
Legislative Approved	13,461,111	50,680	13,511,791	15.0	
Governor's Recommendation	13,449,957	50,680	13,500,637	15.0	

The Kansas Sentencing Commission was created by the 1989 Legislature to develop a sentencing guideline model, or grid, based upon fairness and equity, and to provide a mechanism for linking justice and corrections policies. The Commission tracks and assesses sentencing impositions using statistical methodologies to develop prison population projections and legislative impacts to interested parties, including the Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC), the Governor, and the Legislature. The Commission also administers the Substance Abuse Treatment Program created by the 2003 Legislature in SB 123, principally codified in [KSA 21-6824](#).

The agency has two programs that assist with its mission:

- The **Administration** program promulgates Sentencing Guidelines as well as assesses, monitors, and reports the impact of those guidelines to policymakers and the Legislature.
- The **Substance Abuse Treatment** program implements, administers, and evaluates the prison alternative, mandatory drug treatment sentencing, and diversion programs for non-violent drug offenders. It is guided by SB 123 ([KSA 21-6824](#)) and the Recovery from Addiction Funded Treatment (RAFT) program ([KSA 21-6825](#)).

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FY 2026

Summary of Legislative Recommendations, FY 2026					
	SGF	All Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	
Approved, with Reappropriations	\$ 16,041,173	\$ 50,540	\$ 16,091,713	15.0	
Agency Revised Estimate	15,991,897	625	15,992,522	15.0	
Special Committee on the State Budget (SBC)					
Change from Agency Revised Estimate	\$ (2,555,966)	\$ -	\$ (2,555,966)	-	
TOTAL – Special Committee	\$ 13,435,931	\$ 625	\$ 13,436,556	15.0	
House Committees					
Transportation and Public Safety Budget	\$ 1,401,924	\$ -	\$ 1,401,924	-	
Appropriations	-	-	-	-	
Committee of the Whole	-	-	-	-	
Subtotal – House Change from SBC	\$ 1,401,924	\$ -	\$ 1,401,924	-	
TOTAL – Current House Position	\$ 14,837,855	\$ 625	\$ 14,838,480	15.0	
Senate Committees					
Ways and Means [Corrections & Public Safety]	\$ 2,555,966	\$ -	\$ 2,555,966	-	
Ways and Means	-	-	-	-	
Committee of the Whole	-	-	-	-	
Subtotal – Senate Change from SBC	\$ 2,555,966	\$ -	\$ 2,555,966	-	
TOTAL – Current Senate Position	\$ 15,991,897	\$ 625	\$ 15,992,522	15.0	
Legislative Approved					
Conference Committee	\$ 1,955,966	\$ -	\$ 1,955,966	-	
Governor's Vetoes	-	-	-	-	
Veto Overrides	-	-	-	-	
Certifications	(67,524)	-	(67,524)	-	
Subtotal – Approved Change from SBC	\$ 1,888,442	\$ -	\$ 1,888,442	-	
GRAND TOTAL – Final Approved	\$ 15,324,373	\$ 625	\$ 15,324,998	15.0	

Agency

The **agency** requests a revised estimate of \$15.9 million, including \$15.9 million SGF, and 15.0 FTE positions in FY 2026. The revised estimate is a decrease of \$99,191, or 0.6 percent, below the amount approved by the 2025 Legislature. The revised estimate includes a \$2.4 million SGF reappropriation in the Substance Abuse Treatment Program and a \$203,318 SGF reappropriation in the Administration Program. The agency lapsed \$49,276 SGF of these unspent funds due to a vacant FTE position in FY 2025.

The revised estimate also includes a decrease of \$49,915, all from special revenue funds, as the agency plans to use reappropriated funds in place of special revenue funds for budgeted expenditures in software updates to the agency's electronic journal entry software and to develop a new IT workflow initiative to automate the SB 123 program's provider certifications and client assessment.

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Special Committee on the State Budget

The **Special Committee** concurs with the agency's revised estimate in FY 2026, with the following adjustments:

1. Delete \$2.6 million SGF to lapse reappropriations in FY 2026.

House Committees

House Committee on Transportation and Public Safety Budget

The **House Budget Committee** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation in FY 2026, with the following adjustments:

1. Add \$1.4 million SGF to partially restore reappropriations for the Substance Abuse Treatment Program lapsed by the Special Committee in FY 2026.

House Committee on Appropriations

The **House Committee** concurs with the House Budget Committee's recommendation in FY 2026.

House Committee of the Whole

The **House Committee of the Whole** concurs with the House Committee's recommendation in FY 2026.

Senate Committees

Senate Ways and Means Subcommittee on Corrections and Public Safety Budget

The **Senate Budget Committee** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation in FY 2026, with the following adjustments:

1. Add \$2.6 million SGF to restore reappropriations lapsed by the Special Committee in FY 2026.

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The **Senate Committee** concurs with the Senate Budget Committee's recommendation in FY 2026.

Senate Committee of the Whole

The **Senate Committee of the Whole** concurs with the Senate Committee's recommendation in FY 2026.

Conference Committee

The **Conference Committee** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation in FY 2026, with the following adjustments:

1. Add \$1.8 million SGF to partially restore reappropriations lapsed by the Special Committee in FY 2026.

Legislative Approved

HB 2513 authorized the following statewide adjustments which were certified following the conclusion of the 2026 Session:

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1. Delete \$67,524 SGF to eliminate funding for positions which have been vacant for at least 60 calendar days in FY 2026.

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FY 2027

Summary of Legislative Recommendations, FY 2027					
	SGF	All Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	
FY 2026 Approved, without Reappropriations	\$ 13,435,931	\$ 50,540	\$ 13,486,471	15.0	
Agency Request	13,449,957	50,680	13,500,637	15.0	
Special Committee on the State Budget (SBC)					
<i>Change from Agency Request</i>	<i>\$ -</i>	<i>\$ -</i>	<i>\$ -</i>	<i>-</i>	
TOTAL – Special Committee	\$ 13,449,957	\$ 50,680	\$ 13,500,637	15.0	
House Committees					
Transportation and Public Safety Budget Appropriations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
Committee of the Whole	-	-	-	-	
<i>Subtotal – House Change from SBC</i>	<i>\$ -</i>	<i>\$ -</i>	<i>\$ -</i>	<i>-</i>	
TOTAL – Current House Position	\$ 13,449,957	\$ 50,680	\$ 13,500,637	15.0	
Senate Committees					
Ways and Means [Corrections & Public Safety]	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
Ways and Means	-	-	-	-	
Committee of the Whole	-	-	-	-	
<i>Subtotal – Senate Change from SBC</i>	<i>\$ -</i>	<i>\$ -</i>	<i>\$ -</i>	<i>-</i>	
TOTAL – Current Senate Position	\$ 13,449,957	\$ 50,680	\$ 13,500,637	15.0	
Legislative Approved					
Conference Committee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
Governor's Vetoes	-	-	-	-	
Veto Overrides	-	-	-	-	
Certifications	11,154	-	11,154	-	
<i>Subtotal – Approved Change from SBC</i>	<i>\$ 11,154</i>	<i>\$ -</i>	<i>\$ 11,154</i>	<i>-</i>	
GRAND TOTAL – Final Approved	\$ 13,461,111	\$ 50,680	\$ 13,511,791	15.0	

Agency

The **agency** requests \$13.5 million, including \$13.4 million SGF for FY 2027. This is an increase of \$14,166, or 0.1 percent, above the amount approved by the 2025 Legislature. This increase is largely due to increases in health insurance rates and an anticipated increase in contractual services and capital outlay for contract renewals with Carleon Behavioral Health to maintain the provider payment system and with Domo, Inc. to maintain the electronic journal entry system for FY 2027.

Special Committee on the State Budget

The **Special Committee** concurs with the agency request for FY 2027.

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House Committees

House Committee on Transportation and Public Safety Budget

The **House Budget Committee** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation for FY 2027.

House Committee on Appropriations

The **House Committee** concurs with the House Budget Committee's recommendation for FY 2027.

House Committee of the Whole

The **House Committee of the Whole** concurs with the House Committee's recommendation for FY 2027.

Senate Committees

Senate Ways and Means Subcommittee on Corrections and Public Safety Budget

The **Senate Budget Committee** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation for FY 2027.

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The **Senate Committee** concurs with the Senate Budget Committee's recommendation for FY 2027.

Senate Committee of the Whole

The **Senate Committee of the Whole** concurs with the Senate Committee's recommendation for FY 2027.

Conference Committee

The **Conference Committee** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation for FY 2027.

Legislative Approved

HB 2513 authorized the following statewide adjustments which were certified following the conclusion of the 2026 Session:

1. Add \$11,154 SGF to implement the Executive Branch pay plan approved by the 2026 Legislature and certified by the State Finance Council for FY 2027.