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Budget Committee Report

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Executive Summary

Summary of Total Expenditures, FY 2023 – FY 2027					
	SGF	CIF	All Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions
FY 2023 Actual	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
FY 2024 Actual	-	-	-	-	-
FY 2025 Actual	-	-	-	-	-
FY 2026					
Approved, with Reappropriations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
Agency Revised Estimate	-	-	-	-	-
Special Committee on the State Budget	-	-	-	-	-
House Committee of the Whole	-	-	-	-	-
Senate Committee of the Whole	-	-	-	-	-
Legislative Approved	-	-	-	-	-
Governor's Recommendation	-	-	-	-	-
FY 2027					
FY 2026 Approved*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
Agency Request*	-	-	-	-	-
Special Committee on the State Budget	-	-	-	-	-
House Committee of the Whole	16,710,476	41,732,053	166,359,410	224,801,939	88.0
Senate Committee of the Whole	16,803,348	41,732,053	166,359,410	224,894,811	88.0
Legislative Approved	16,805,835	41,736,659	166,362,431	224,904,925	88.0
Governor's Recommendation	16,803,348	41,732,053	166,359,410	224,894,811	88.0

* Note: This agency does not start services until July 1, 2026.

The 2025 Legislature passed [HB 2045](#), which established the Kansas Office of Early Childhood. This agency was created to improve transparency, coordination, and administrative efficiency across the state's early childhood system to better serve families and children. The agency will also house the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund and include all funding related to the Children's Cabinet. The agency is expected to be fully up and running on or before July 1, 2026.

¹ Note: Because this agency will not start services until July 2026, no agency budget request was submitted to the Governor and the Legislature. A standalone funding document was prepared by KLRD after the Governor's Budget was released, which is available [here](#).

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FY 2027

Summary of Legislative Recommendations, FY 2027						
	SGF	CIF	All Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	
FY 2026 Approved*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-
Agency Request*	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special Committee on the State Budget (SBC)*						
Change from Agency Request*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-
TOTAL – Special Committee*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-
House Committees						
Social Services Budget	\$ 16,803,348	\$ 41,732,053	\$ 166,359,410	\$ 224,894,811	88.0	
Appropriations	(92,872)	-	-	(92,872)	-	
Committee of the Whole	-	-	-	-	-	
Subtotal – House Change from SBC	\$ 16,710,476	\$ 41,732,053	\$ 166,359,410	\$ 224,801,939	88.0	
TOTAL – Current House Position	\$ 16,710,476	\$ 41,732,053	\$ 166,359,410	\$ 224,801,939	88.0	
Senate Committees						
Ways and Means	\$ 16,803,348	\$ 41,732,053	\$ 166,359,410	\$ 224,894,811	88.0	
Committee of the Whole	-	-	-	-	-	
Subtotal – Senate Change from SBC	\$ 16,803,348	\$ 41,732,053	\$ 166,359,410	\$ 224,894,811	88.0	
TOTAL – Current Senate Position	\$ 16,803,348	\$ 41,732,053	\$ 166,359,410	\$ 224,894,811	88.0	
Legislative Approved						
Conference Committee	\$ 16,710,476	\$ 41,732,053	\$ 166,359,410	\$ 224,801,939	88.0	
Governor's Vetoes	-	-	-	-	-	
Veto Overrides	-	-	-	-	-	
Certifications	95,359	4,606	3,021	102,986	-	
Subtotal – Approved Change from SBC	\$ 16,805,835	\$ 41,736,659	\$ 166,362,431	\$ 224,904,925	88.0	
GRAND TOTAL – Final Approved	\$ 16,805,835	\$ 41,736,659	\$ 166,362,431	\$ 224,904,925	88.0	

* Note : This agency's budget request first appeared in the Governor's budget bill, as the agency does not start services until July 1, 2026. Therefore, there was no agency request or review by the SBC. The House and Senate committees reviewed the Governor's proposal for a starting budget.

Agency

As this agency will not start services until July 1, 2026, there was no agency request prepared and presented to the Governor and the Legislature for FY 2027.

Special Committee on the State Budget

The **Special Committee** did not hear a budget presentation on this agency, so did not have any recommendations for FY 2027. In HB 2434 (the Legislative budget bill), all funding and FTE positions remained with the agencies that had them in FY 2026.

House Committees

House Committee on Social Services Budget

The **Budget Committee** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation for FY 2027, with the following adjustments:

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1. Add \$223.6 million, including \$15.5 million SGF and \$41.7 million CIF, and 87.0 FTE positions for FY 2027. This funding is being lapsed from other agencies. This funding transfer includes:
 - Department for Children and Families: \$164.4 million, including \$14.8 million SGF and \$5.0 million from the Children's Initiatives Fund (CIF), and 26.0 FTE positions.
 - Kansas Department of Health and Environment – Heath: \$13.7 million, including \$663,383 SGF and \$1.7 million CIF, and 52.0 FTE positions.
 - Kansas State Department of Education: \$45.5 million, including \$36,092 SGF and \$34.7 million CIF, and 8.0 FTE positions.
 - Office of the Governor: 1.0 FTE position.
2. Add \$750,000 SGF for general operations within the agency for FY 2027.
3. Add \$205,000 SGF for office space for this agency for FY 2027.
4. Add \$208,000 SGF for the Director of Early Childhood's salary and wages for FY 2027.
5. Add \$92,872 SGF and 1.0 FTE position for a Child Care Ombudsman for FY 2027.
6. Add \$30,250 SGF for website hosting and maintenance for this agency for FY 2027.
7. Add \$25,000 SGF for HR services within the agency for FY 2027.

House Committee on Appropriations

The **House Committee** concurs with the Budget Committee's recommendation for FY 2027, with the following adjustments:

1. Delete \$92,872 SGF for the Ombudsman FTE position. Add language directing that funding for this position should come from existing resources 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 Committee on Ways and Means

The **Senate Committee** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation for FY 2027, with the following adjustments:

1. Add \$223.6 million, including \$15.5 million SGF and \$41.7 million CIF, and 87.0 FTE positions for FY 2027. This funding is being lapsed from other agencies. This funding transfer includes:
 - Department for Children and Families: \$164.4 million, including \$14.8 million SGF and \$5.0 million from the Children's Initiatives Fund (CIF), and 26.0 FTE positions.
 - Kansas Department of Health and Environment – Heath: \$13.7 million, including \$663,383 SGF and \$1.7 million CIF, and 52.0 FTE positions.
 - Kansas State Department of Education: \$45.5 million, including \$36,092 SGF and \$34.7 million CIF, and 8.0 FTE positions.
 - Office of the Governor: 1.0 FTE position.
2. Add \$750,000 SGF for general operations within the agency for FY 2027.

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3. Add \$205,000 SGF for office space for this agency for FY 2027.
4. Add \$208,000 SGF for the Director of Early Childhood's salary and wages for FY 2027.
5. Add \$92,872 SGF and 1.0 FTE position for a Child Care Ombudsman for FY 2027.
6. Add \$30,250 SGF for website hosting and maintenance for this agency for FY 2027.
7. Add \$25,000 SGF for HR services within the agency 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, with the following adjustments:

1. Add \$223.6 million, including \$15.5 million SGF and \$41.7 million CIF, and 87.0 FTE positions for FY 2027. This funding is being lapsed from other agencies. This funding transfer includes:
 - Department for Children and Families: \$164.4 million, including \$14.8 million SGF and \$5.0 million from the Children's Initiatives Fund (CIF), and 26.0 FTE positions.
 - Kansas Department of Health and Environment – Heath: \$13.7 million, including \$663,383 SGF and \$1.7 million CIF, and 52.0 FTE positions.
 - Kansas State Department of Education: \$45.5 million, including \$36,092 SGF and \$34.7 million CIF, and 8.0 FTE positions.
 - Office of the Governor: 1.0 FTE position.
2. Add \$750,000 SGF for general operations within the agency for FY 2027.
3. Add \$205,000 SGF for office space for this agency for FY 2027.
4. Add \$208,000 SGF for the Director of Early Childhood's salary and wages for FY 2027.
5. Add \$30,250 SGF for website hosting and maintenance for this agency for FY 2027.
6. Add \$25,000 SGF for HR services within the agency for FY 2027.
7. Add 1.0 FTE position for a Child Care Ombudsman for FY 2027 and add language directing that funding for this position should come from existing resources for FY 2027 .

Legislative Approved

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

1. Add \$102,986, including \$95,359 SGF and \$4,606 CIF, to implement the Executive Branch pay plan approved by the 2026 Legislature and certified by the State Finance Council for FY 2027.