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Kansas House Approves \$14B Budget

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) The Kansas House has approved a \$14.1 billion state budget that cuts overall spending by about \$600 million, or 4 percent.

House members voted 87-36 Monday on the bill containing the spending plan for the fiscal year that begins July 1. The measure now moves to the Senate, which is working out details of its version of the budget for the fiscal year starting July 1.

The House legislation also contains a provision to prohibit state employees from being involved in abortions.

The Topeka Capital-Journal reports that the House added \$29 million to help K-12 public schools grapple with high student enrollment.

The bill also retains a ban by the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services to deny food stamp benefits to some U.S.-born children of illegal immigrants.