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**Kansas Sentencing Commission Launches KSApp Statewide, Modernizing
Criminal Justice Filings Across All 31 Judicial Districts**

*HB 2552, signed into law by the Governor, ensures uniform adoption of Commission-prescribed
digital forms beginning July 1, 2026*

TOPEKA, KAN. — The Kansas Sentencing Commission (KSSC) today announced the statewide rollout of KSApp, the Kansas Sentencing Application, a transformative digital platform that modernizes the preparation, submission, and management of presentence investigation reports (PSIs), journal entries (JEs), and probation violation journal entries (PVJEs) across all 31 judicial districts in Kansas.

KSApp replaces the outdated, fragmented Word-based document workflows that have long characterized sentencing documentation in Kansas with a centralized, web-based application designed for accuracy and efficiency. The platform creates standardized forms across all judicial districts, automatically populates required fields and prior criminal history for returning defendants, and significantly reduces the manual errors that have historically accompanied hand-completed sentencing documents. By expediting the completion of critical sentencing materials, KSApp represents the most significant modernization of Kansas sentencing infrastructure in decades — ushering in a new era of consistency, reliability, and digital-first operations across the state's criminal justice system.

The modernization effort received overwhelming, bipartisan legislative support. HB 2552, which requires that criminal presentence investigation reports and journal entries be completed and

submitted in the form and manner prescribed and approved by the Kansas Sentencing Commission, passed the Kansas House 122–0 and the Kansas Senate 40–0. The bill was signed into law by the Governor on April 6, 2026. The unanimous support across both chambers underscores the Legislature's recognition that modernizing sentencing documentation is a critical priority for the effective administration of justice in Kansas.

Pursuant to 2026 HB 2552, beginning July 1, 2026, district court clerks' offices may accept only sentencing forms prescribed by the Kansas Sentencing Commission and submitted in the prescribed manner. This provision ensures statewide uniformity and aligns filing practices with the Commission's modernized digital infrastructure. Although the KSApp has been available since October 2024, all court services officers, attorneys, judges, and clerks are encouraged to become familiar with KSApp-generated forms before this deadline.

"KSApp represents a generational leap forward for Kansas criminal justice administration. By transitioning to a unified digital platform, we are ensuring accuracy, efficiency, and consistency in sentencing documentation statewide. The unanimous passage of HB 2552 reflects the Legislature's confidence in this modernization effort and its commitment to a more transparent and effective justice system."

— Scott M. Schultz, Executive Director, Kansas Sentencing Commission

Key Benefits for Practitioners

- **Judges:** Consistent, accurate journal entries across all districts with real-time access to sentencing documentation, supporting informed decision-making on the bench.
- **Prosecutors and Defense Attorneys:** Collaborative digital workflow for reviewing and amending journal entries, reducing delays and miscommunication between parties.
- **Court Services Officers:** Streamlined PSI preparation with auto-populated fields, prior criminal history, and standardized formatting — reducing preparation time and minimizing the risk of data entry errors.

- **District Court Clerks:** Uniform, Commission-prescribed forms simplify filing and ensure statutory compliance beginning July 1, 2026.
- **All Practitioners:** Centralized digital repository eliminates redundant data entry and ensures historical records are readily accessible for future proceedings.

The Office of Judicial Administration (OJA) has aligned its operations with the KSApp initiative. Effective January 1, 2026, OJA directed all Court Services Officers statewide to use KSApp for all presentence investigation reports. This coordinated rollout between the KSSC and OJA ensures a seamless transition for practitioners across all judicial districts and provides a stable foundation for the mandatory compliance deadline established by HB 2552.

The Kansas Sentencing Commission provides comprehensive training and support for KSApp, including statewide ePSI training videos, a KSApp JE/PVJE User Guide, demos on importing prior convictions, and a detailed FAQ. These resources are designed to support a smooth transition for all practitioners. Offices may schedule live training sessions by contacting Payton Fenwick, KSApp Training Coordinator, at (785) 296-0923 or kssc.ksapp@ks.gov. Upcoming sessions include an [ePSI training](#) on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., and an [eJE FAQ CLE](#) training on Thursday, April 30, 2026, at noon. Please use the links above to register or contact the office.

For more information about KSApp, HB 2552, or the Kansas Sentencing Commission's modernization initiatives, please contact the Commission at (785) 296-0923 or visit www.sentencing.ks.gov.

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