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Brownback Looks at Possible Worker Furloughs

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) - Republican Governor Sam Brownback's office is looking at perhaps furloughing state workers if the Legislature does not pass a balanced budget in the coming weeks.

Brownback's spokeswoman, Sara Belfry, said Wednesday his office is working to determine when it would have to inform state workers they would be furloughed if a budget is not passed on time.

Legislative researchers say that the state is legally obligated to approve a budget by June 7, but salary payments would not necessarily be disrupted if it comes later in the month.

Kansas faces a \$406 million budget shortfall for the fiscal year beginning July 1, and lawmakers have not agreed on a means to fill it.

The Legislature already is in overtime on its 90-day session. Wednesday was its 97th day.

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