**The Senate Minute: Digital Audio File Script on SB 613 and SB 646**

Another busy week of committee hearings is here.

[Senate Bill 613](http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=22246489) would enact new provisions of law relating to the workers' compensation insurance premiums of volunteer fire departments.

The proposal is sponsored by Sen. Mike Cunningham of Rogersville…

**Cunningham 1 / Runs :10 / OC: up to $2,000.**

*“Carry workers’ comp and their bill can be an easy $4,000, and that’s a lot of money, and they can’t make money like they used to off the fish fries. So, this will pay up to $2,000.”*

[Senate Bill 646](http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=22246559) seeks to require the [Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education](https://dese.mo.gov/) to develop training guidelines and school districts to adopt a policy for youth suicide awareness and prevention education.

Senator Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur says this measure comes about because of the death of someone in her district…

**Schupp 2 / Runs :08 / OC: professional development training.**

 *“It resulted in us creating a bill to help teachers and educators learn the signs and symptoms of suicide through their professional development training.”*

The committee schedule can be found at [senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov/).

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