***The Missouri Senate Minute* Script: SB 434**

The week begins with discussion on a measure aimed at school transportation.

[Senate Bill 434](http://www.senate.mo.gov/17info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=60056612) seeks to let school districts use foundation funding formula money to pay for buses, under certain conditions.

Sponsor, Sen. David Sater of Cassville, tells his colleagues transportation funding has been declining for 15 years…

**Sater 1 / Runs :10 / OC: year, 16 percent.**

*“Forty-eight percent of the school transportation funding came from the state. In 2015, only 19.8 percent. Last year, 16 percent.”*

During discussion, Sen. Scott Sifton of Affton points out all education funding is yet to be determined for next year…

**Sifton 2 / Runs :09 / OC: state tax dollar.**

*“A lot harder, still, to suggest what it is one would cut instead. But, certainly, school buses are about as important as almost anything else we do with our state tax dollar.”*

Senate Bill 434 received preliminary Missouri Senate approval on Monday evening.

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