**The Senate Minute: Digital Audio File Script on SB 997**

Changes to certain aspects of higher education are coming.

[Senate Bill 997](http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=26334489) has several components to it.

Sponsor, Sen. David Pearce of Warrensburg, says the new law will also extend the [Wartime Veteran's Survivor Grant](http://dhe.mo.gov/ppc/grants/wartimevetsurvivor.php) program…

**Pearce 1 / Runs :12 / OC: our great country.**

*“When we first passed this in 2008, there was a sunset, up until 2014. This will just extend that until the year 2020. Provides tuition for dependents of those who are either killed or disabled while serving our great country.”*

Senator Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur tells the sponsor she favors his idea…

**Schupp 2 / Runs :12 / OC: for four years.**

*“My little story: My son, who is a Mizzou student — in the J-School — said he wanted to go an extra semester, beyond the four years. And, my husband said, “You know what? That is absolutely fine. Just know that we are paying for four years.”*

Where most new laws take effect on Aug. 28, there are varying start dates for all of the pieces that comprise Senate Bill 997.

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