***The Missouri Senate Minute* Script: SB 43**

A new state law faces renewed scrutiny.

[Senate Bill 43](http://www.senate.mo.gov/17info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=57095378) modifies the law relating to unlawful discrimination.

[U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development](https://www.hud.gov/) officials say the new law drops state compliance from the federal [Fair Housing Assistance Program](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp/partners/FHAP), which will result in a funding cut.

Supporter, Sen. Ed Emery of Lamar, says the catalyst behind the new law is a 2010 court decision…

**Emery 1 / Runs :08 / OC: to correct that.**

*“’Motivating’ really just meant ‘contributing.’ And, all the sudden, we were right back where we started. And, so, this was legislation to try to correct that.”*

Opponent, Sen. Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur, says the law does not do what it’s purported to do…

**Schupp 2 / Runs :10 / OC: company is doing.**

*“I’m concerned that it limits a whistleblower’s ability to get recourse, should he or she report on something illegal, or unethical that the company is doing.”*

Senate Bill 43 took effect on Aug. 28.

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