***The Missouri Senate Minute* Script: SB 160**

New guidelines for foster children and foster families are on-the-books in the Show-Me State.

[Senate Bill 160](http://www.senate.mo.gov/17info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=57095315) modifies provisions relating to child protection. It became law on Aug. 28.

Sponsor, Sen. David Sater of Cassville, says the key provision is the Foster Care Bill of Rights…

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*“And also provides that every foster child and foster parent would receive orientation and explanation of what the Foster Care Bill of Rights is.”*

Senator Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur tells the sponsor she likes what the new law will do…

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*“I think it makes it even better, and I have supported it originally in committee. By trying to encourage that siblings are going to be able to live together, if that’s possible, is a huge step.”*

Next up for lawmakers will be assigning numbers to prefiled legislation, which will happen on Dec. 1. The next regular legislative session will start in January.

Reporting from the State Capitol, I’m Dean Morgan.