**This Week in the Missouri Senate:  
Digital Audio File Script on SB 711 and HB 1559**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review a couple of measures that relate to education…

**Nat Snd 1 / Runs :02 / OC: what 711 is.**

*“And, what 711 is…”*

[Senate Bill 711](http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=22246450) requires CPR instruction and training during high school.

The proposal received final legislative action on May 10, was signed by the governor on June 14 and became law on Aug. 28.

Senator Dan Brown of Rolla is the bill sponsor…

**Brown 1 / Runs :24 / OC: all their lives.**

*“This act also requires the training to be included in the district’s existing health or physical education curriculum, so it’s not going to put an undue burden on the schools. Twenty-seven states require hands-only, standard CPR training of high schools now. With this year, Missouri and nine other states are working to get this done. You know, this is something that students can use all their lives.”*

Schools won’t have to comply with the new law until the start of the 2017-2018 school year…

**Nat Snd 2 / Runs :06 / OC: day in Missouri.**

*“House Bill 1559 designates July first as ‘Lucile Bluford Day’ in Missouri….”*

[House Bill 1559](http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=31746668) designates July first as "Lucile Bluford Day" in Missouri.

It was also truly agreed to and finally passed on May 4. The executive branch gave its final approval July 14.

Senator Shalonn “Kiki” Curls of Kansas City handled the measure in the upper chamber…

**Curls 2 / Runs :23 / OC: historically black university.**

*“Lucile Bluford was Kansas City’s most well-renowned editor, publisher and civil rights journalist, who — in 1939 — made application to the* [*University of Missouri*](http://missouri.edu/)*’s* [*graduate program in journalism*](http://gradstudies.missouri.edu/about/facilities-resources/journalism-media.php)*. Although she had been accepted, when she showed up to enroll, officials saw that she was black and denied her entrance — because state law restricted black students to* [*Lincoln University*](http://www.lincolnu.edu/) *in Jefferson City — a historically black university.”*

Even though the law took effect on Aug. 28, the first time this day will be recognized will be next year.

This week also saw some activity in the Capitol, as the [Senate Interim Committee on Long-Term Care Facilities](http://www.senate.mo.gov/silc/) met for the final time. The seven-member panel has met several times over the past few weeks. The committee met not only at the Capitol, but also went to other locations throughout the state as part of its fact-finding mission.

Also, the [Joint Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect](http://www.senate.mo.gov/jccn/) met to approve its final report.

In addition, the [Senate Interim Committee on MO HealthNet Pharmacy Benefits](http://www.senate.mo.gov/sipb/) gathered for what is believed is its final time for the year. Its recommendations may result in legislation to be introduced next year.

Speaking of the next legislative session, following this week’s election, Missouri senators chose leadership for the new Missouri General Assembly. We will talk more about all of this in the weeks to come.

Next up for lawmakers will be the numbering of bills to be considered next year.

The First Regular Session of the 99th General Assembly will start in January.

And, remember, you can follow these and other issues facing the Missouri Senate by visiting our website: [senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov).

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