***The Senate Minute* Script: SB 46**

A continuing trend of violence against law enforcement officers has one Missouri senator taking action.

The [Missouri Senate Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence Committee](http://www.senate.mo.gov/JUDI/) hears [Senate Bill 46](http://www.senate.mo.gov/17info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=57095356), which is sponsored by Sen. Doug Libla of Poplar Bluff.

His measure would increase penalties against those convicted of assault and manslaughter on law enforcement and emergency responders…

**Libla 1 / Runs :11 / OC: of special victims.**

*“The legislation that I have will further-increase the penalties for specifically attacking law enforcement officers and first-responders. I removed the law enforcement officer and first-responders from the definition of special victims.”*

During discussion, Sen. Maria Chappelle-Nadal of University City told the sponsor she believes there are pieces missing…

**Chappelle-Nadal 2 / Runs :11 / OC: of excessive force.**

*“There are several deaths while in police custody in rural areas throughout the state, and there are also some concerns about the reporting of excessive force.”*

No committee action has yet been taken on Senate Bill 46.

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