**The Senate Minute: Digital Audio File Script on SB 579**

Several bills are about to become law in Missouri.

Among the measures set to take effect on Aug. 28 is [Senate Bill 579](http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=22246494), which relates to infection reporting of health care facilities and telehealth services.

Sponsor, Sen. Rob Schaaf of St. Joseph, says part of his proposal builds on a state law that dates back a decade…

**Schaaf 1 / Runs :11 / OC: of infection rates.**

*“We in Missouri have been on the leading edge of trying to get a handle on this problem. In 2004, we passed a bill requiring the reporting of infection rates.”*

Senator Jamilah Nasheed of St. Louis took advantage of the bill to try and add [Medicaid](http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/BTS_Web/Actions.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=22246494) reform, something some Missouri senators have wanted for the past two years…

**Nasheed 2 / Runs :11 / OC: hospitals closing down.**

*“With approximately 200,000 people who are without health care services. We are seeing, at a drastic rate, hospitals closing down.”*

Senate Bill 579 also addresses telehealth services, especially for those who use [MO HealthNet](http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=22246494).

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