***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script: Juvenile Court Proceedings**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review a new law that relates to juvenile court proceedings…

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Q: Senate Bill 800….**

[Senate Bill 800](https://www.senate.mo.gov/18info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=69751392) was prefiled in December of last year, heard in the [Missouri Senate Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/JUDI/) on Feb. 5, discussed on the Missouri Senate floor on March 5, sent to the Missouri House of Representatives two days later, returned to the upper chamber on May 8, sent to the executive branch two days after that and then signed into law on June 1.

Senator Doug Libla of Poplar Bluff is the sponsor.

During Missouri Senate discussion on March 5, he told his colleagues his proposal originally related to adoption…

**Libla 1  
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Q: petition is filed.**

He adds the original intention of Senate Bill 800 was to quicken the adoption process…

**Libla 2  
:22  
Q: a contested adoption.**

Senator Andrew Koenig of Manchester then offered an amendment.

This prompted questions from Sen. Scott Sifton of Affton…

**Sifton-Koenig  
:15  
Q: do with that.**

Senator Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur then expanded on the reason for this amendment…

**Schupp  
:19  
Q: access to funds.**

Missouri senators approved the amendment.

Senate Bill 800 will also raise the age for trying children as adults, which will not take effect until 2021.

In addition, the new law creates the "Juvenile Justice Preservation Fund.”

Next up for lawmakers will be prefiling of legislation for next year. These measures will receive bill numbers in December.

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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