***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script: Opioid Addiction**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review a new law that seeks to cut opioid addiction in this state…

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Q: Senate Bill 826.**

[Senate Bill 826](https://www.senate.mo.gov/18info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=70365560) was prefiled last December; heard by the [Missouri Senate Seniors, Families and Children Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/SFCH/) on Jan. 24; given first-round Missouri Senate approval on Feb. 21; approved by the Missouri House of Representatives on April 25; truly agreed to and finally passed on May 17; and signed into law on July 9.

When the sponsor — Sen. David Sater of Cassville — presented his proposal in committee, he told them opioid addiction can start innocently…

**Sater 1  
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Q: forget about them.**

He adds the first component of Senate Bill 826 changes the rules regarding controlled substances…

**Sater 2  
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Q: including controlled substances.**

Senator Sater also says there’s a second element to the measure…

**Sater 3  
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Q: the federal government.**

During Missouri Senate floor discussion on Senate Bill 826, Senator Jason Holsman of Kansas City wanted to use this proposal as a starting point for a pet project of his…

**Holsman  
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Q: on medical cannabis.**

Additionally, the new law addresses:

* Health care records;
* The Advisory Council on Rare Diseases and Personalized Medicine;
* Long-acting reversible contraceptives;
* Newborn eye drops;
* Vaccine protocols;
* Prescriptions;
* Maintenance medication;
* Pharmacy benefit managers; and
* Prescription eye drops.

Because of an emergency clause, Senate Bill 826 became law as soon as it was signed by the governor.

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