***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script: Expungement**

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

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Q: that Senate Bill….**

Expungement is the removal of all or part of a criminal record.

For several years, some Missouri senators have been working toward adding this to state statute.

Senator Shalonn “Kiki” Curls of Kansas City, this year, sponsored [Senate Bill 954](https://www.senate.mo.gov/18info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=72576467).

This measure was heard by the [Missouri Senate Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/JUDI/) on Jan. 29, given first-round Missouri Senate approval on April 3, passed by the Missouri House of Representatives and then sent to the executive branch on May 18, and signed into law on June 29.

When the proposal was discussed on the Missouri Senate floor, Sen. Curls pointed out Senate Bill 954 is nothing new…

**Curls 1
:29
Q: felonies and misdemeanors.**

She adds the measure simply builds onto existing law…

**Curls 2
:17
Q: the underlying offense.**

During discussion, Sen. Brian Munzlinger of Williamstown pointed out an “urban versus rural” difference…

**Munzlinger
:30
Q: a concealed firearm.**

The new law took effect on Aug. 28.

As we move into the month of December, lawmakers will now see bill numbers attached to legislation they have been able to prefile since July.

Typically, Missouri senators are allowed to prefile three bills each, with more coming after Dec. 1.

Also this year, since Dec. 1 falls on a Saturday, prefiling starts on Nov. 30.

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). You can also follow prefiled legislation for next year by clicking on the ‘Legislation’ tab on the homepage of our site.

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