***The Missouri Senate Minute* Script
Mid-Session Recess**

When lawmakers return from mid-session recess, they may be looking at new sentencing guidelines for convicted felons.

[Senate Bill 8](https://www.senate.mo.gov/19info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=3) would allow courts to depart from a statutorily required minimum prison term when sentencing a defendant.

Senator Ed Emery of Lamar is the sponsor…

 **Emery :09 Q: the minimum sentencing.**

Add to this [Senate Bill 74](https://www.senate.mo.gov/19info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=117), sponsored by Sen. Karla May of St. Louis…

 **May :06 Q: a later time.**

The combined measure awaits committee action.

Missouri senators will return to Jefferson City on Monday. At that point, they will have eight weeks to complete their work, before the 2019 legislative session concludes.

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