***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
SNAP Work Requirements**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review a measure that would have brought back work requirements for the [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program](https://mydss.mo.gov/food-assistance/food-stamp-program), or SNAP…

**Nat Snd :02 Q: Seniors and Families….**

[Senate Bill 4](https://www.senate.mo.gov/19info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=128) was heard in committee, but never saw time on the floor of the Missouri Senate this year.

Senator David Sater of Cassville was the sponsor, and told the [Missouri Senate Seniors, Families and Children Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/SFCH/) on Jan. 30 his proposal was the result of congressional actions…

 **Sater 1 :08 Q: on this program.**

He adds there were exemptions, starting with people under 16 and over 60…

 **Sater 2 :28 Q: of higher education.**

Senator Sater also says the work requirements for SNAP benefits are not new…

 **Sater 3 :08 Q: was talking about.**

He says Senate Bill 4 would simply have enforced work requirements…

 **Sater 4 :09 Q: actually doing so.**

Senator Karla May of St. Louis says the offices that provide these services are already understaffed…

 **May 1 :10 Q: that implementation off.**

She believes Senate Bill 4 would have punished people unnecessarily…

 **May 2 :15 Q: occurrence of non-compliance (2x).**

Senator May also says this would have reverted Missouri to pre-2014 requirements…

 **May 3 :05 Q: are on SNAP.**

This, much like other measures that were unsuccessful from this year, could be brought back next year. Prefiled legislation for the 2020 legislative session will receive bill numbers on Dec. 2.

The Second Regular Session of the 100th General Assembly will start on Jan. 8.

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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