***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
FY 2021 Budget**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review the operating budget for the state’s new fiscal year…

**Nat Snd :02 Q: Bill No. 1….**

Fiscal Year 2021 started on Wednesday. Before coronavirus, Missouri was looking at a strong budget picture. By the middle of March, COVID-19 would cause the Legislature to suspend session for a few weeks, and then come back to a limited amount of time in which to rewrite the budget.

[Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/aprp/) Chair, Sen. Dan Hegeman of Cosby, told his colleagues on May 8 they had to start over on the budget…

 **Hegeman :17 Q: CARES Act money.**

During Missouri Senate discussion on the budget, Sen. Scott Sifton of Affton said this meant having to make changes to the education budget in [House Bill 2002](https://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB2002&year=2020&code=R)…

 **Sifton :17 Q: I see it.**

Senator Denny Hoskins of Warrensburg, who also serves on the Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee, adds the pandemic also meant looking at every potential way to cut spending…

 **Hoskins-Hegeman :15 Q: words as well.**

Senator Lauren Arthur of Kansas City says COVID-19 played more than one role in shaping the budget for Fiscal Year 2021, including $20 million in federal spending for certain processing plants…

 **Arthur :15 Q: food chain supply.**

In all, the Missouri General Assembly passed a $35 billion blueprint that went to the executive branch ahead of the constitutionally mandated 6 p.m. deadline of May 8.

Missouri’s fiscal year starts on July 1, and runs through the following June 30 of each year.

In the meantime, the executive branch continues to review all of the measures received this year. The deadline to sign, veto or let legislation become law without a signature is July 14.

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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