***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
Extra Session**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review some of the things lawmakers have done in the name of crime prevention this year.

A pandemic-shortened legislative session equals having to add focus to certain priorities, while taking less time on others.

Among the measures dedicated to this is [Senate Bill 600](https://www.senate.mo.gov/20info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=26838053), which relates to dangerous felonies. Senator Tony Luetkemeyer of Parkville sponsored this measure, which will become law on Aug. 28. He says this proposal was meant to address concerns that prompted a special panel that met at the Capitol late last year…

 **Luetkemeyer :31 Q: off the streets.**

Senator Karla May of St. Louis adds she believes it is time to take a different approach to diminishing crime in Missouri…

 **May :27 Q: periods of time.**

In the meantime, the governor has called for an extra session to be held, the focus of which would be violent crime. In requesting an extra session, the executive branch has laid out six individual points:

* Eliminate the residency requirement for St. Louis law enforcement. An officer would have to live within an hour of the city;
* Juvenile certification, which would require the court to determine if a juvenile should be certified for trial as an adult for the offense of unlawful use of a weapon and armed criminal action;
* Witness statement admissibility, which would allow certain statements to be admissible in court that would otherwise not be allowed under current statute;
* Create the Pretrial Witness Protection Fund;
* Modify the offense of endangering the welfare of a child for a person who encourages a child to engage in any weapons offense; and
* Increase penalty for a person who knowingly sells or delivers any firearm to a child less than 18 years without the consent of the child’s parent or guardian.

The extra session is slated to start on Monday. State law says such sessions can run for up to 60 days.

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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