***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script  
Critical Issues**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review more legislation…

**Nat Snd 1 :09 Q: approved this legislation.**

On Tuesday afternoon, Missouri senators voted to send [Senate Bill 63](https://www.senate.mo.gov/21info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=54228843) to the Missouri House of Representatives for its consideration.

This measure, which seeks to modify provisions relating to the monitoring of certain controlled substances, is sponsored by Sen. Holly Rehder of Scott City…

**Rehder 1 :05 Q: of our members.**

Senator Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur says she agrees with the need for this proposal…

**Schupp 1 :06 Q: on the streets.**

Missouri is currently the only state without a prescription drug-monitoring program…

**Nat Snd 2 :02 Q: Bill No. 430….**

Senator Rehder also handles [House Bill 430](https://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB430&year=2021&code=R) in the upper chamber.

This measure relates to adoption tax credits…

**Rehder 2 :03 Q: benevolent tax credits.**

During discussion, Sen. Schupp mentioned she would like another area addressed in this proposal…

**Schupp 2 :05 Q: around the state.**

House Bill 430 now returns to the Missouri House of Representatives to consider Missouri Senate amendments…

**Nat Snd 3 :03 Q: every single year.**

[Senate Bill 55, 23 & 25](https://www.senate.mo.gov/21info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=54243591) would modify provisions relating to elementary and secondary education…

**Rehder 3 :09 Q: of this state.**

That’s Sen. Rehder…

**Nat Snd 4 :06 Q: with our schools.**

Senator Schupp says the proposal would expand charter schools into some areas…

**Schupp 3 :09 Q: not be impacted.**

Senate Bill 55, 23 & 25 could see more time on the floor of the Missouri Senate…

**Nat Snd 5 :01 Q: a good thing.**

Senator Rick Brattin of Harrisonville sponsors [Senate Bill 138](https://www.senate.mo.gov/21info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=54243009).

This measure seeks to modify the law relating to work requirements for participants in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program…

**Brattin :07 Q: these assistance programs.**

**Nat Snd 6 :02 Q: a food desert.**

Senator Doug Beck of St. Louis sponsors [Senate Bill 188](https://www.senate.mo.gov/21info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=54105569).

His proposal would establish a tax credit for grocery stores in a food desert…

**Beck :07 Q: health care outcomes also.**

Both of these bills await full Missouri Senate discussion.

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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