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

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review two of the bigger items from the 2021 legislative session…

**Nat Snd :06 Q: easily been me.**

Missouri senators started taking a renewed look at criminal justice reform six years ago. Since then, a number of public hearings have been held, including a lengthy hearing held by a special task force in late 2019. From this work, legislation was crafted for both the 2020 and the 2021 legislative sessions.

Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Dave Schatz of Sullivan says public safety was a big part of this year’s regular session…

 **Schatz :16 Q: officers’ disciplinary actions.**

Initially, there were two major pieces of legislation designed to address police reform in Missouri. After introducing [Senate Bill 60](https://www.senate.mo.gov/21info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=54105449), Sen. Brian Williams of University City says his proposal was added to [Senate Bill 53](https://www.senate.mo.gov/21info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=54105455)…

 **Williams :13 Q: justice reform package.**

Among the issues still unresolved is what is commonly referred to as FRA, or federal reimbursement allowances. These are the dollars allotted to hospitals under Medicaid.

Missouri Senate Majority Floor Leader Caleb Rowden of Columbia says the annual FRA extension was contained in [Senate Bill 1](https://www.senate.mo.gov/21info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=54105505)…

 **Rowden :13 Q: the thing done.**

An attempt to extend the reimbursements through next year was made in other legislation as well.

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader John Rizzo of Kansas City says both the FRA and Medicaid expansion remain unresolved, for now…

 **Rizzo :09 Q: the governor’s court.**

The Legislature adjourned sine die — or, with “no appointed date for resumption” — on May 25 this year, since May 30 is a Sunday.

By law, the governor has until July 14 to sign, veto or let legislation become law without a signature. This will include the 13 bills that comprise the Fiscal Year 2022 state operating budget, which has to be signed before the next fiscal year starts on July 1.

With some exceptions, most new laws will take effect on Aug. 28.

Lawmakers plan to be back in Jefferson City for the annual veto session in September.

And, remember, you can follow these and other issues facing the Missouri Senate — plus, see a complete list of [truly agreed to and finally passed legislation](https://www.senate.mo.gov/21info/BTS_Web/TrulyAgreed.aspx?SessionType=R) — by visiting our website: [senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov).

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