***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script  
Public Safety**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review a new law that seeks to protect members of law enforcement…

**Nat Snd :02 Q: is commonly known….**

[Senate Bill 26](https://www.senate.mo.gov/21info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=54105537) creates provisions relating to public safety.

Senator Bill Eigel of Weldon Spring is the sponsor. He presented this measure to the [Missouri Senate General Laws Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/GENL/) on Jan. 26. Senator Eigel cites what he believes to be increasing pressures on police officers as part of the reason for his proposal…

**Eigel 1 :19 Q: our communities safe.**

He says the goal is to protect police officers throughout Missouri…

**Eigel 2 :13 Q: of a crime.**

But, Sen. Karla May of St. Louis believes this new law goes too far…

**May 1 :19 Q: try to do.**

She was, however, successful in adding an amendment to the bill…

**May 2 :11 Q: that officers face.**

Other amendments were added to the original measure, both in the Missouri Senate and the Missouri House of Representatives. Some of the changes come about as a result of incidents that have mainly happened in urban areas, both in Missouri and throughout the country, in recent years.

This new law also includes language from [Senate Bill 66](https://www.senate.mo.gov/21info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=54250840), which was sponsored by Sen. Rick Brattin of Cassville…

**Brattin :14 Q: and disruptive manner.**

But, Sen. Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur says she believes this new law could have negative impacts…

**Schupp :18 Q: and risky position.**

Senate Bill 26 will take effect on Aug. 28, with some provisions set to become law at later times.

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