***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
HB 430 and HJR 20**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review two measures, one that found success and one that did not…

**Nat Snd 1 :03 Q: this important bill.**

[House Bill 430](https://www.senate.mo.gov/21info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=56780405) was signed into law on April 22. The new law makes changes to certain benevolent tax credits.

Senator Holly Thompson Rehder of Scott City was the bill handler in the upper chamber…

 **Thompson Rehder 1 :22 Q: of foster children.**

She adds this new law addresses some long-standing concerns regarding some tax credits…

 **Thompson Rehder 2 :13 Q: they can get.**

Senator Thompson Rehder also says this new law adds other incentives…

 **Thompson Rehder 3 :14 Q: lives across Missouri.**

House Bill 430 took effect on Aug. 28.

Another item from this year’s regular legislative session did not fare as well…

 **Nat Snd 2 :08 Q: and Medicaid expansion.**

[House Joint Resolution 20](https://www.house.mo.gov/bill.aspx?bill=HJR20&year=2021&code=R) sought to modify provisions for initiative petitions and referendums. In addition, this would have been left to Missouri voters, had the resolution passed.

Senator Steven Roberts of St. Louis is among those who opposed this proposal…

 **Roberts :21 Q: stifle Missouri voices.**

There is a chance a similar measure could be introduced again next year…

 **Nat Snd 3 :01 Q: an interim committee….**

In the meantime, the [Missouri Senate Interim Committee on Medicaid Accountability and Taxpayer Protection](https://www.senate.mo.gov/simt/) continues to meet. The panel has already released one report, with a second expected to come later. This committee remains in effect through the end of this year. This panel has been gathering regularly, to hear both from the general public as well as those who work in the health care industry. We will have more on this committee’s latest hearing next week.

All of this is happening as we move closer to the 2022 legislative session. Prefiled legislation will start to receive bill numbers for next year on Dec. 1.

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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