***The Missouri Senate Minute* Script  
Unemployment**

The second half of the 2022 regular legislative session is underway.

Monday afternoon and evening saw time on [Senate Bill 665](https://www.senate.mo.gov/22info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=71259778).

Sponsor, Sen. Mike Bernskoetter of Jefferson City, says his proposal seeks to modify the duration of unemployment benefits based upon the Missouri average unemployment rate…

**Bernskoetter :08 Q: back on unemployment.**

Senate Bill 665 would vary the range of time to receive unemployment, from the current 20 weeks — if unemployment is above 9 percent, to eight weeks — if unemployment is three and a half percent, or lower.

During discussion on the floor of the Missouri Senate, Sen. Doug Beck of St. Louis says, on average, people need at least 12 weeks to start a new job…

**Beck :06 Q: bills or stuff.**

Senate Bill 665 has been set aside for future consideration.

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