***The Missouri Senate Minute* Script
Teacher Salaries**

When the Missouri Senate begins its role in shaping the state’s next operating budget, a lot of items can come into play.

Among these is something some believe is not fully addressed in the Missouri House of Representatives’ version of the Fiscal Year 2023 state operating budget.

Missouri Senate Majority Floor Leader Caleb Rowden of Columbia says lawmakers are looking at the possibility of raising teacher salaries…

 **Rowden :07 Q: by the day.**

Teacher salaries are among those things the governor made a priority for this year.

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader John Rizzo of Kansas City says he believes teacher pay *needs* to be raised…

 **Rizzo :04 Q: to increase it.**

The full Missouri Senate may discuss the Fiscal Year 2023 state operating budget next week. The budget must be finished no later than 6 p.m. on Friday, May 6.

Reporting from the State Capitol, I’m Dean Morgan.