***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
Budget Year Begins**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we preview the state operating budget for the new fiscal year…

**Nat Snd :07 Q: is about $45 billion.**

The total budget for Fiscal Year 2023, approved by the Missouri General Assembly in May, equals $44.725 billion.

Senator Dan Hegeman of Cosby, who chairs the [Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/aprp/), says there’s a focus on infrastructure improvements in this year’s budget…

 **Hegeman 1 :21 Q: in those communities.**

This year’s state operating budget includes a large influx of what is called one-time federal funding.

Senator Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur says there are many positives in this budget…

 **Schupp 1 :17 Q: all of us.**

Federal dollars are also included in capital improvements budgets for the new fiscal year.

Senator Hegeman says he believes this budget looks beyond the new fiscal year…

 **Hegeman 2 :21 Q: like our schools.**

Over the years, the governor has cut into transportation funding line items in order to balance the budget.

Senator Schupp says the budget for Fiscal Year 2023 takes care of buses in ways unseen for years in our state…

 **Schupp 2 :17 Q: be paid for.**

Missouri’s fiscal year starts on July 1.

Time is running out for the remaining pieces of legislation from this year’s regular legislative session, in terms of executive branch action. The governor still has until July 14 to sign, veto or let legislation become law without a signature.

Most new laws in Missouri will take effect on Aug. 28.

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](https://www.senate.mo.gov/22info/BTS_Web/TrulyAgreed.aspx?SessionType=R) legislation — by visiting our website: [senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov).

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