***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script  
Child Care**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review a new Missouri law that relates to child care…

**Nat Snd :02 Q: Bill 683 is….**

[Senate Bill 683](https://www.senate.mo.gov/22info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=71259860) will pre-filed on Dec. 1; first read on the floor of the Missouri Senate on Jan. 5; heard by the [Missouri Senate Seniors, Families, Veterans and Military Affairs Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/SFVM/) on Jan. 26; first discussed on the floor of the Missouri Senate on April 12; sent to the Missouri House of Representatives on April 20; truly agreed to and finally passed on May 13; and signed into law on June 30.

Senator Cindy O’Laughlin of Shelbina is the sponsor…

**O’Laughlin 1 :24 Q: as many children.**

She adds she made a similar attempt to change existing state law last year…

**O’Laughlin 2 :15 Q: we counted children.**

When this proposal went to the full Missouri Senate, there were a couple of attempts made to add amendments.

Senator Karla May of St. Louis wanted to add to the legislation…

**May :25 Q: of mental health.**

Senator Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur also wanted to make a correction to existing state law…

**Schupp :14 Q: he should go.**

In the end, neither of these amendments would be added to the original bill.

In addition, the new law changes the age range of neighborhood youth development programs from six to 17 to five to 18.

The new law also searches for additional relatives when looking for a child’s grandparents, if emergency placement of a child is deemed necessary. Finally, whenever a court determines foster home placement with a child's relative is appropriate, the Children’s Division now completes a diligent search to locate and notify the child's grandparents, adult siblings, parents of siblings and all other relatives of the child's possible placement.

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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