***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script  
Elective Courses**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review another upcoming new law…

**Nat Snd :04 Q: This bill is….**

[Senate Bill 34](https://www.senate.mo.gov/23info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=44512) was pre-filed on Dec. 1; heard by the [Missouri Senate Education and Workforce Development Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/75) on Feb. 7; sent to the Missouri House of Representatives on March 2; sent to the executive branch on May 12; and signed into law on July 6.

Senator Karla May of St. Louis is the sponsor. She says her measure will let school districts add a new class…

**May 1 :19 Q: social studies elective.**

Senator May also says the courts can maintain religious neutrality…

**May 2 :28 Q: society and cultures.**

During Missouri Senate discussion of this legislation on Feb. 22, Sen. Rick Brattin of Harrisonville told the sponsor he supports this bill…

**Brattin :20 Q: context is remarkable.**

Senate Bill 34 will take effect on Aug. 28.

This bill is among several that was signed into law either on July 6 or June 7. In a rare move, the governor only signed legislation on three different days during the interim. Normally, bills are signed over the course of the 45 days allotted between the end of the regular legislative session and the final day for legislative action to be taken. Among the measures signed into law is one that was vetoed. We will highlight legislation set to become law on Aug. 28 next week. We will also continue to focus on individual legislation as the year continues.

Missouri senators are a little less than three weeks removed from start of the annual veto session, which will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 13. By law, veto session can last as long as 60 calendar days.

From there, Missouri senators may continue to pre-file legislation for the next regular legislative session, which will start in January. These measures will receive their official bill numbers starting 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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