***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script  
Background Checks**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review a new law that makes changes to certain background checks…

**Nat Snd :08 Q: years, I believe.**

[Senate Bill 40](https://www.senate.mo.gov/23info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=44497) 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. 14; given preliminary Missouri Senate approval on March 22; sent to the Missouri House of Representatives the following day; sent to the executive branch on May 5; and signed into law on July 6.

Senator Holly Thompson Rehder of Scott City is the sponsor…

**Thompson Rehder 1 :21 Q: in blended classrooms.**

She adds it comes down to who does, and who does not, get background checks…

**Thompson Rehder 2 :27 Q: me very uncomfortable.**

Senator Tracy McCreery of St. Louis County says she was able to add to this measure…

**McCreery :30 Q: that are vulnerable.**

Senate Bill 40 took effect on Aug. 28.

In the meantime, lawmakers are looking ahead to the upcoming legislative session. They have been able to pre-file legislation since July 1. Pre-filed measures will receive their official bill numbers for 2024 starting on Dec. 1. Legislation is numbered based on a senator’s seniority. There are other criteria, in case there are more than one senator who has been in the Missouri Senate for the same length of time. For the first day bills are given their numbers, each senator is allowed to pre-file three proposals. Others are allowed to follow, starting after Dec. 1.

The Second Regular Session of the 102nd General Assembly will begin in January.

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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