***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
FRA**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review one of the measures the Legislature sent to the executive branch this year…

**Nat Snd :05 Q: a decade-long one.**

[Senate Bill 748](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=38) was pre-filed on Dec. 1; heard by the [Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/3) on Jan. 17; given preliminary Missouri Senate approval on April 30; sent to the Missouri House of Representatives on May 9; and truly agreed to and finally passed on May 15.

Senator Lincoln Hough of Springfield is the sponsor. He says he has believed, from the beginning, this measure would pass during regular session…

 **Hough :12 Q: get this done.**

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader John Rizzo of Independence says part of the discussion around Senate Bill 748 related to whether or not there would be a sunset on the reimbursement…

 **Rizzo :18 Q: somebody or compromising.**

Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Caleb Rowden of Columbia says the federal reimbursement allowance had to be handled along with the budget…

 **Rowden :14 Q: or don’t have.**

Senator Doug Beck of St. Louis says he agrees the FRA is a part of the state’s budget…

 **Beck :09 Q: in our mind.**

Senator Rusty Black of Chillicothe says he believes it was necessary to renew the FRA…

 **Black :24 Q: most vulnerable populations.**

Senator Tracy McCreery of St. Louis County also says she is glad this measure passed…

 **McCreery :07 Q: state of Missouri.**

Senate Bill 748 would take effect on Aug. 28. The hospital reimbursements in the proposal coincide with the federal fiscal year, which begins on Oct. 1.

The governor has until July 14 to sign, veto or let legislation become law without a signature. Missouri’s next fiscal year will start on July 1. Lawmakers will be back in Jefferson City in September for the annual veto session.

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 legislation](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/BTS_Web/TrulyAgreed.aspx?SessionType=R) — by visiting our website: [senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov).

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