***The Missouri Senate Minute* Script**

The next big item for lawmakers will be the Fiscal Year 2026 state operating budget.

Some Missouri senators have been working on this since the beginning of the year.

Senator Rusty Black of Chillicothe is vice-chair of the [Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/3)…

 **Black :04 Q: got more on-tap.**

Senator Maggie Nurrenbern of Kansas City also serves on the panel.

She says she believes the proposed budget to be $300 million short on the education foundation funding formula…

 **Nurrenbern :08 Q: a quality education.**

The Missouri Senate typically receives the 13 measures that comprise the next budget toward the end of April.

The Fiscal Year 2026 state operating budget is due to be delivered to the governor no later than 6 p.m. on Friday, May 9.

Missouri senators are midway through their annual mid-session recess. Session will resume on Monday.

Reporting from the State Capitol, I’m Dean Morgan.