***The Missouri Senate Minute* Script**

Missouri’s Fiscal Year 2026 state operating budget is about to take center stage in the Missouri Senate.

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

He says what the governor suggested to lawmakers three months ago may look different now…

 **Black :10 Q: the foundation formula.**

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

She adds she believes these changes are, so far, improvements over the initial budget proposal…

 **Nurrenbern :10 Q: and the House.**

After the Missouri Senate creates its version of the budget, Missouri Senate-House conference committees will be formed to hammer out any differences.

Fiscal Year 2026 will start on July 1.

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