**The Senate Minute: Digital Audio File Script on SB 607**

The Missouri Senate moves into the seventh week of session with debate on another high-priority measure.

Among the missions for some Missouri senators this year is [Medicaid](https://www.medicaid.gov/) reform.

To this end, the Missouri Senate has given first-round approval to [Senate Bill 607](http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=22246591), sponsored by Sen. David Sater of Cassville…

**Sater 1 / Runs :06 / OC: Medicaid recipients’ qualifications.**

*“It has to do with third-party eligibility, to verify Medicaid recipients’ qualifications.”*

During debate, it was pointed out by Sen. Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur this is something the [Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services](http://health.mo.gov/) already has the authority to do…

**Schupp 2 / Runs :09 / OC: with the department.**

*“Why, again, do we need this law? And, you’re telling me that while the department did not testify — in support or in opposition — that you have talked with the department.”*

Senate Bill 607 still needs another positive vote before it could move to the Missouri House of Representatives for similar consideration.

Missouri senators are also moving closer to the mid-point of the 2016 legislative session.

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