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

Changes to public assistance laws are coming in Missouri.

[Senate Bill 607](http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=22246591) is one of three Senate proposals that was allowed to take effect without the governor’s signature.

Senator David Sater of Cassville says other states are doing what this measure would allow…

**Sater 1 / Runs :09 / OC: who is not.**

*“What we’ve seen — like, in the state of Illinois and Pennsylvania — they had to use a private contractor to do an audit on who is eligible for their public assistance programs and who is not.”*

During committee discussion, Sen. Maria Chappelle-Nadal of University City pointed out some of the eligibility requirements for public assistance can be challenging for some…

**Chappelle-Nadal 2 / Runs :12 / OC: Social Security numbers.**

*“And, I just hope that this language does not create another hindrance to people who legitimately have problems with either the spelling of their name on a birth certificate; or, they have multiple Social Security numbers.”*

Missouri senators gave their final approval to Senate Bill 607 on May 12.

It will become law on Aug. 28.

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