***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
Pensions Committee**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review a new panel that is studying some state retirements…

**Nat Snd :07 Q: committee our goals.**

The [MoDOT and Patrol Employee’s Retirement System Study Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/sipr/) held its first hearing last week. The group has a fairly short timeframe in which to work, with its next hearing set to coincide with September’s veto session.

Senator Eric Burlison of Battlefield is committee chair. During the July 25 inaugural meeting, he pointed out his first goal for the panel is to save the state money…

 **Burlison 1 :15 Q: our utmost priority.**

He adds the committee also has to keep taxpayers in mind…

 **Burlison 2 :14 Q: intent in mind.**

The panel’s findings and recommendations could be reflected in legislation filed *next* year.

Missouri senators also spent time on state pensions during *this* year’s regular legislative session.

The first of these is [Senate Bill 17](https://www.senate.mo.gov/19info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=161), which modifies provisions relating to public employee retirement systems.

During Missouri Senate discussion on the measure on Feb. 7, Sen. Scott Sifton of Affton asked the sponsor about the proposal, originally meant to fix what’s called an oversight…

 **Sifton :11 Q: out community colleges?**

By May 16, numerous changes had been made to the proposal in the Missouri House of Representatives.

Senator Jason Holsman of Kansas City then asked the sponsor about something he had wanted to add to the measure…

 **Holsman :17 Q: you said it.**

The second of these state pension-related proposals is [Senate Bill 185](https://www.senate.mo.gov/19info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=319746), which provides eligibility for certain state employers in the [Missouri State Employees' Retirement System](https://www.mosers.org/).

Both of these bills will become law on Aug. 28.

Also this week, the [Interim Committee on Tax Credit Efficiency and Reform](https://www.senate.mo.gov/sitc/) held its first hearing, which we will highlight for you *next* week.

And, remember, you can follow these and other issues facing the Missouri Senate by visiting our website: [senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov).

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