
MORE JOBS, MONEY CUT FROM MISSOURI BUDGET



The Kansas City Business Journal reported yesterday that an additional \$301 million as well as more than 250 state jobs would be slashed from the Missouri state budget. The cuts were announced by governor Jay Nixon and are in addition to the \$650 million and 1,000 jobs already trimmed from the 2011 budget. All cuts are to go into effect on July 1, the start of the fiscal year. The latest round of job eliminations will come from the State's mental healthcare programs, universities and other higher education facilities and social services. In addition to the cuts, the governor announced his intent to convene a special legislative session to discuss a \$15 million a year tax break for Ford. The incentive package would be footed by cuts to retirement benefits to state employees. Not a good week to be a government worker in Show-Me state.

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