Missouri Officials May Get Moved Out of State Capitol

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) - A state Senate panel has signed off on a plan to move some of Missouri's executive officials out of the state Capitol so that lawmakers can have more room for their own offices.

Dozens of state House members currently work in double-decker offices, where rooms with high ceilings have been divided to create two levels. Those upper-level offices are inaccessible to some people with disabilities.

A bill endorsed Tuesday by the Senate rules committee would direct the treasurer, secretary of state, auditor and state Office of Administration to be moved out of the Capitol into other nearby buildings. Most employees of those offices already are located outside of the Capitol.

The freed-up space would be used for better offices for lawmakers.

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