

25 YEARS AGO

Articles from the April 1986 issue of *State Legislatures*:

◆ **THE LURE OF THE LOTTERY** “By the end of 1985, nearly half the states, attracted by the chance to make ‘easy money,’ had started lotteries.”

◆ **THE FEDERAL BUDGET: WHAT’S (NOT) IN IT FOR STATES?** “State legislators are keeping a watchful eye on the great budget battle of 1986 in Washington, D.C.”

◆ **STATES AREN’T READY FOR PRIVATELY OWNED PRISONS—YET** “Legislation has been stymied in a number of states by debates over civil rights for prisoners, labor questions and government liability.”

DID YOU KNOW ...



The first legislative session in the territory of Nevada began on Oct. 1, 1861, and lasted 60 days. Among other actions taken was the passage of “An Act to Prohibit Gambling,” which established games of chance as felonies with a penalty of two years’ imprisonment and a fine of up to \$500.

—From the Nevada State Library and Archives

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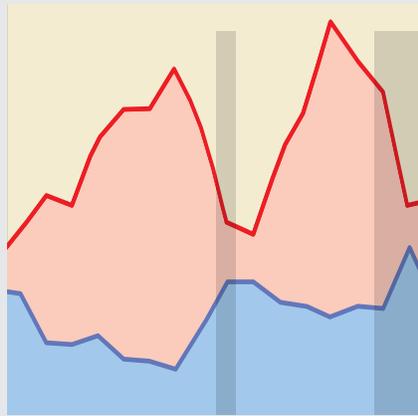
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TAXES AND RECESSIONS

Read “NCSL Fiscal Brief: How State Tax Policy Responds to Economic Recessions” to learn more about tax legislation following a recession.



THE VALUE OF CERTIFICATION

Teachers and principals talk about how national board certification has helped them in efforts to turn around low-performing schools.

RANKING WELL-BEING

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CORRECTION: In the March issue, Arizona Senator Frank Antenori was incorrectly identified as a member of the Arizona House.