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Acquisitions – October 2014

AGRICULTURE


CAMPAIGNS & ELECTIONS


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CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

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DRUGS & DRUG TESTING

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT


EDUCATION


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12. Reinagel, Tyler P. "Budget stability, revenue volatility, and district relations: determinants of Georgia ELOST distribution to municipal school districts." Journal of Education Finance. Vol. 40. No. 2. Fall 2014. pg. 156-174. (This article analyzes the district-level factors that influence how the distribution of these sales tax funds are handled in the Georgia schools.)

EMPLOYERS & EMPLOYEES

13. Hansen, Melissa K. "Racial and ethnic health disparities. workforce diversity." NCSL. Aug. 2014. 8 pg. (State policymakers seeking to address the health needs of racial and ethnic minority populations are exploring and identifying opportunities to diversify the health care workforce.) VF: Workforce-Development.


FINANCE & REVENUE

15. "Projected state tax growth in FY 2015." NCSL. Fiscal Brief. Oct. 2014. 10 pg. (This brief presents a summary of the projected FY 2015 growth for total state general fund revenues as well as personal income, sales, corporate income severance, real estate transfer and miscellaneous taxes. This information is based on a survey of legislative fiscal offices in the 50 states in the summer of 2014.)

16. McNichol, Elizabeth C. "Improving state revenue forecasting: best practices for a more trusted and reliable revenue estimate." Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. Sept. 4, 2014. 11 pg. (Every state estimates how much revenue it will collect in the upcoming fiscal year.5 best practice ideas are offered to achieve the most reliable estimate. This estimate sets a benchmark for how much funding the state will be able to provide to schools and other public services.) VF: State Finance & Revenue.

HEALTH, WELFARE & SOCIAL SERVICES


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INSURANCE


21. Goodwin, Kristine. "Children's health. trends and options for covering kids." NCSL. Sept. 2014. 2 pg. (The ACA is expected to cover millions of newly insured Americans through health insurance marketplaces, Medicaid expansion and other features. The law's major coverage provisions focus on covering adults, and they also support children's enrollment in private health insurance or public coverage. This brief summarizes current trends, challenges and opportunities for strengthening children's coverage and highlights the law's provisions that support children's enrollment.) VF: Insurance-Children.


23. "State employee health plan spending. an examination of premiums, cost drivers, and policy approaches." A report from the Pew Charitable trusts and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. Aug. 2014. 45. pg. (Health insurance costs have become a significant portion of states' overall health care spending, second only to Medicaid, and little is known about how states' employee health plans and costs compare with one another and with those of large, private sector employers.) VF: Insurance-Health.

MISSOURI HISTORY


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STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

26. Mackey, Brian. "Can a governor really create jobs?" Illinois Issues. Vol. XL. No. 9. pg. 6-7. (Gubernatorial candidates in Illinois have distinct views on job creation, with different visions for the role of government in the economy.)


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