

## Missouri Legislative Library

### Acquisitions – October 2014

#### AGRICULTURE

1. Kiener, Robert. "Food policy debates." CQ Researcher. Vol. 24. No. 35. Oct. 3, 2014. pg. 817-839. (Should government regulate unhealthy foods?)

#### CAMPAIGNS & ELECTIONS

2. Hubler, Katy Owens. "Improving voter turnout." NCSL. Legisbrief. Vol. 22. No. 40. Oct. 2014. 2 pg. (Voter turnout is based on a variety of factors, only some of which are within policymakers' control.) VF: Election Procedure.

3. Anderson, Tim. "Up for grabs: campaign finance in the Midwest." Stateline Midwest. Vol. 23. No. 10. Oct. 2014. pg. 1+. (Federal and state court rulings, and actions taken by legislatures, have led to big changes for candidates and contributors alike.)

4. "In Indiana, a new way to register to vote-via your smartphone." Stateline Midwest. Vol. 23. No. 10. Oct. 2014. pg. 12. (Indiana residents had a new way of registering to vote this election season-via a "full-service" application on their smartphone.)

#### CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

5. Goodwin, Kristine. "Smart investments in children's health. 10 state strategies." NCSL. Sept. 2014. 8 pg. (States are addressing the risk factors that contribute to poor infant and child health by developing strategies that support healthy behaviors and improve access to quality health care.) VF: Child welfare.

6. Nebraska Sen. Brad Ashford. "Better system, better results." Stateline Midwest. Vol. 23. No. 10. Oct. 2014. pg. 9. (Reforms to juvenile justice in Nebraska are helping youths and communities by focusing on rehabilitation.)

#### DRUGS & DRUG TESTING

7. Hirsch, Bradford R., et al. "The impact of specialty pharmaceuticals as drivers of health care costs." Health Affairs. Vol. 33. No. 10. Oct. 2014. pg. 1714-1719. (The pharmaceutical industry is shifting its focus from blockbuster small molecules to specialty pharmaceuticals. Specialty pharmaceuticals are novel drugs and biologic agents that require special handling and ongoing monitoring, are administered by injection or infusion, and are sold in the marketplace by small number of distributors. They are frequently identified by having a cost to payers and patients of more than \$600 or more per treatment.)

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

8. Mackey, Brian. "Can a governor really create jobs?" Illinois Issues. Vol. XL. No. 9. Sept. 2014. pg. 6-7. (Gubernatorial candidates in Illinois have distinct views on job creation, with different visions for the role of government in the economy.)

#### EDUCATION

9. Mathewson, Tara Garcia. "New test, new stress." Illinois Issues. Vol. XL. Sept. 2014. No. 9. pg. 25-27. (Exam promises headaches as schools adjust to the Common Core's latest challenges.)

10. Erickson, Kurt. "The mandate debate." Illinois Issues. Vol. XL. No. 9. Sept. 2014. pg. 31-33. (Schools frequent complaint takes its moment on the legislative stage.)

11. Heintz, Lauren. "STEM learning in afterschool programs." NCSL. Legisbrief. Vol. 22. No. 37. Oct. 2014. 2 pg. (Some states are considering strategies to create opportunities for K-12 students to engage in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) in ways that both increase their knowledge and engage their interest in pursuing careers in these areas, including supporting high-quality, STEM-focused expanded education opportunities in before-, after- and summer-school programs.) VF: Schools-Cirriculum.

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.

14. Sanes, Milla & John Schmitt. "Regulation of public sector collective bargaining in the states." Center for Economic and Policy Research. March 2014. 68 pg. (In this report, the authors review the legal rights and limitations on public-sector bargaining in the 50 states and the District of Columbia, as of January 2014. Given the legal complexities, they focus on three sets of workers who make up almost half of all unionized public-sector workers: teachers, police, and firefighters, with some observations, when possible, on other state-and-local workers.) VF: Collective Bargaining-Public Employees.

### **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**

17. Katel, Peter. "Housing the homeless." CQ Researcher. Vol. 24. No. 36. Oct. 10, 2014. pg. 841-863. (Can new government policies end homelessness?)

18. "E-cigarettes and federal regulation." Health Policy Brief. Health Affairs. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. July 18, 2014. 5 pg. (Policy makers have begun developing rules for how popular alternatives to traditional cigarettes can be marketed and sold.) VF: Tobacco.

19. Hirsch, Bradford R., et al. "The impact of specialty pharmaceuticals as drivers of health care costs." Health Affairs. Vol. 33. No. 10. Oct. 2014. pg. 1714-1719. (The pharmaceutical industry is shifting its focus from blockbuster small molecules to specialty pharmaceuticals. Specialty pharmaceuticals are novel drugs and biologic agents that require special handling and ongoing monitoring, are administered by injection or infusion, and are sold in the marketplace by small number of distributors. They are frequently identified by having a cost to payers and patients of more than \$600 or more per treatment.)

## **INSURANCE**

20. Goodwin, Kristine. "Health reform and children with special needs." NCSL. Sept. 2014. 2 pg. (This brief summarizes major ACA provisions that significantly affect children and youth with special health care needs.) VF: Insurance-Children.

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.

22. Tobler, Laura. "Reducing state employee health insurance costs." NCSL. Legisbrief. Vol. 22. No. 39. Oct. 2014. 2 pg. (The rising cost of health coverage for state employees has some state policymakers looking for ways to not only slow increasing costs, but also to improve employees' health.) VF: Insurance- Health.

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**

24. Skelton, Isaac Newton. Achieve the honorable: a Missouri congressman's journey from Warm Springs to Washington. E 840.8.S5495.A3. 2013. (This book details Ike Skelton's personal triumphs and political journey, as well as inside glimpses into the lives of other political titans like Harry Truman, Richard Nixon, and Bill Clinton.)

## **REFERENCE**

25. Nickolaus, Nathan M. The Sunshine Law. The Missouri Bar. 2014. KFM 8227.8.N5. 2014. (This edition of the guidebook includes updates to which entities are not governmental bodies, the use of video conferencing, the status of sunset laws, and a detailed discussion and list of exceptions that are found outside of the Sunshine Law, plus an appendix with the Sunshine Law statute.)

## **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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