

**Missouri Legislative Library**  
**Acquisitions – September 2014**

**ABORTION**

1. Medoff, Marshall H. & Christopher Dennis. "A critical reexamination of the effect of anti-abortion legislation in the post-Casey era." *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*. Vol. 14. No. 3. Sept. 2014. pg. 207-227. (Michael J. New, in a recent article in this journal, argues that a major reason for the decline in the incidence of abortion since the U.S. Supreme Court's 1992 Casey decision was the increased number of anti-abortion laws-parental involvement laws and informed consent laws-enacted at the state level. However, New's analysis contained critical data, measurement, methodological and estimation errors. This article details all the errors and then reexamines the effect of restrictive state abortion laws on the incidence of abortion over the period 1985-2005.)

2. New, Michael. "Analyzing the impact of U.S. anti-abortion legislation in the post-Casey era: a reassessment." *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*. Vol. 14. No. 3. Sept. 2014. Pg. 228-268. (Marshall Medoff and Christopher Dennis identify some errors in the National Abortion League's data on the effective start dates of various state-level anti-abortion laws. However, they misunderstand the purpose of my 2011 *State Politics & Policy Quarterly* article which was to measure the impact of a range of anti-abortion laws-not analyze competing theories as to why the abortion rate has fallen in the United States. Furthermore, their analysis contains a number of critical measurement, and methodological and estimation errors.)

3. Medoff, Marshall H. & Christopher Dennis. "Another critical review of New's reanalysis of the impact of anti-abortion legislation." *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*. Vol. 14. No. 3. Sept. 2014. pg. 269-276. (In New's reassessment article, he now argues that "properly designed" informed consent laws significantly reduce the incidence of abortion. The authors point to some of the same errors that were present in his 2011 article from *State Politics & Policy Quarterly* that reappear in his reassessment article. The authors have detailed some of the methodological errors.)

**AGRICULTURE**

4. Orr, Carolyn. "Use of 'big data' in agriculture yields big benefits and privacy concerns for producers." *Stateline Midwest*. Vol. 23. No. 8. July/Aug. 2014. pg. 3. ("Big data" is the term applied to the sorting and processing of enormous quantities of data, and the ability to crunch massive amounts of data may be as important to the future of food production as the development of the tractor was for 20th-century agriculture.)

**BUDGET**

5. "Budget & taxes." *Capitol Journal*. Vol. XXII. No. 27. Sept. 8, 2014. pg. 5-6. (Performance-based budgeting is catching on again in states. Performance-based budgeting relies on specific measures of past performance, such as how many people were served and for how much money to determine how much more or less should be allocated for a particular government program.)

**CAMPAIGNS & ELECTIONS**

6. Hernandez, Michael D. "All-mail elections." *NCSL Legisbrief*. Vol. 22. No. 35. Sept. 2014. 2 pg. (Voters in Colorado, Oregon, and Washington administer all elections entirely through mail. This trend has been quietly growing and is prompting legislators to consider whether all-mail elections are a good fit for their state or community.) VF: Election Procedure.

7. Underhill, Wendy. "Fraud fighter or ballot blocker?" *State Legislatures*. Vol. 40. No. 8. Sept. 2014. pg. 26-29. (Although voter ID legislation has dwindled, controversy over the laws continue.)

8. Branham, Mary. "States make changes to get out the vote." *Capitol Ideas*. Vol. 57. No. 5. Sept./Oct. 2014. pg. 12-17. (Since 2012, 16 states have passed laws to improve the election system and increase voting access; laws in 11 of those states will be in effect by Election Day in November.)

9. Kalisa, Kamanzi. "Voting system technology a 'ticking time bomb.'" *Capitol Ideas*. Vol. 57. No. 5. Sept./Oct. 2014. pg. 16-17. (Much of the technology implemented in the 2002 Help America Vote Act is now outdated, and state and local officials are looking at the next generation of election equipment.)

10. Horne, Jennifer. "Faceoff on voter ID's." *Capitol Ideas*. Vol. 57. No. 5. Sept./Oct. 2014. pg. 18-19. (Portions of Voting Rights Act overturned, but 1965 law is still in play.)

11. Ginn, Jennifer. "State campaign finance laws: show me the money." *Capitol Ideas*. Vol. 57. No. 5. Sept./Oct. 2014. pg. 26-29. (This article highlights major federal and U.S. Supreme Court action on Campaign Finance Laws.)

## **CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES**

12. Mantel, Barbara. "Teen suicide." *CQ Researcher*. Vol. 24. No. 32. Sept. 12, 2014. pg. 745-767. (Do suicide-prevention programs work? Researchers are hopeful that new studies, including large trials of three kinds of psychotherapy in adolescents, will increase understanding of teen suicide and lead to better identification and treatment of high-risk teens.)

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

13. Clark, Korey. "Business as usual for business tax breaks?" *Capitol Journal*. Vol. XXII. No. 27. Sept. 8, 2014. pg. 1-5. (States say they are being far more cautious with the tax incentives they offer companies. But they are still handing them out in droves.)

14. Bayan, Marvin. "Credits and incentives update. Opportunities in the eleventh hour: deal-closing funds." *Journal of State Taxation*. Vol. 32. No. 4. Fall 2014. pg. 9+. (This article explores a selection of the lucrative deal-closing funds in the market as well as company and state success stories.)

## **EDUCATION**

15. *United States School Laws and Rules*. 2014 edition. Vols. 1 & 2. REF KF 4105.99.U55. 2014. (Selected documents from federal agencies to provide guidance in interpreting statutes and regulations.)

16. Anderson, Tim. "Closing the skills gap, opening career options." *Stateline Midwest*. Vol. 23. No. 8. July/Aug. 2014. pg. 1+. (Mix of new state laws, programs and diploma requirements aim to expand career and technical education in schools.)

17. Karaim, Reed. "Race and education." *CQ Researcher*. Sept. 5, 2014. Vol. 24. No. 31. pg. 721-743. (Are U.S. schools becoming resegregated? The debate surrounding school integration and equal access to quality education is likely to play an important role in shaping the future of American society.)

18. Cannon, Lou. "Once valued Common Core becomes a political football." *Capitol Journal*. Vol. XXII. No. 28. Sept. 15, 2014. pg. 1-5. (Four years ago, all but a quartet of states were gung ho for the Common Core curriculum standards. Now a growing number of states, pushed by hyperpartisan members in each party, are forcing some states to reconsider.)

19. Queen, Jack. "Hire power." *State Legislatures*. Vol. 40. No. 8. Sept. 2014. pg. 16-21. (To close the skills gap, states are teaming up with industries that need, but can't find, qualified workers.)

20. Exstrom, Michelle & Dan Thatcher. "Common Core: put to the test." *State Legislatures*. Vol. 40. No. 8. Sept. 2014. pg. 22-25. (State legislatures have become ground zero for the new Common Core education standards.)

21. "A hidden cause of rising tuition: Tuition discounting in public colleges and universities. " The Progress of Education Reform. Vol. 15. No. 4. Aug. 2014. pg. 1-7. (This issue examines tuition discounting, with specific attention focused on the impact of state-legislated tuition caps can have on the practice.)

22. Samuels, Christina A. "Kindergarten: state policies a patchwork." Education Week. Vol. 34. No. 4. Sept. 17, 2014. pg. 1+. (Despite kindergarten's pivotal role in preparing children for reading and other academics, state laws on what districts must provide still vary widely, resulting in a patchwork of mandatory and voluntary half-day and full-day offerings.)

23. Klein, Alyson. "1989 Education Summit casts long shadow." Education Week. Vol. 34. No. 5. Sept. 24, 2014. pg. 1+. (25 years ago this month, President George H.W. Bush and the nation's governors took an unprecedented step that poured political accelerant on the movement for standards-based education reform: they proclaimed that the country needed to set educational goals on a variety of issues from early-childhood education to adult literacy-and to hold itself accountable for meeting these standards.)

### **EMPLOYERS & EMPLOYEES**

24. Queen, Jack. "Hire power." State Legislatures. Vol. 40. No. 8. Sept. 2014. pg. 16-21. (To close the skills gap, states are teaming up with industries that need, but can't find, qualified workers.)

### **ENERGY**

25. Durkay, Jocelyn & Jennifer Schultz. "Energy development near military operations." NCSL. Legisbrief. Vol. 22. No. 34. Sept. 2014. 2 pg. (By including the Dept. of Defense and representatives from nearby military installations in stakeholder discussions, energy-related compatibility challenges can often be overcome in the initial planning process, saving states and localities from unplanned mitigation expenses and permitting obstacles.) VF: Energy.

### **FINANCE & REVENUE**

26. Petek, Gabriel J. et al. "Draft: income inequality weighs on state tax revenues." Standard & Poor's Ratings Services. McGraw Hill Financial. Sept. 8, 2014. 16 pg. (Standard & Poor's Ratings Services recently examined income inequality in the U.S. and concluded that rising income inequality is one factor contributing to slower economic growth, and that this represents a structural, rather than cyclical change.) VF: State Finance & Revenue.

### **HEALTH, WELFARE & SOCIAL SERVICES**

27. Melean, Tadeo. "WIC: supporting the health and nutrition of pregnant women, infants and children." NCSL. Legisbrief. Vol. 22. No. 33. Sept. 2014. 2 pg. (The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children, commonly known as WIC, is up for review and renewal in the Child Nutrition Reauthorization of 2015. Among the main topics of consideration are the reauthorization approaches, the low (60%) national participation rate, the federal requirement that all WIC agencies implement a WIC electronic benefit transfer system, the effects of increasing food prices on program funding, and the new nutrition rules to be included in WIC food packages.) VF: Public Assistance.

28. Comlossy, Megan. "Preventing pregnancy among older teens." NCSL. Legisbrief. Vol. 22. No. 36. Sept. 2014. 2 pg. (There is good news that teenage birth rates again reached historic lows in 2013, but bad news in that U.S. teen pregnancy, birth and abortion rates remain among the highest in the developed world. To dramatically shift teen pregnancy rates, state legislatures are increasingly devoting attention and resources to effective strategies that prevent pregnancy among this population.) VF: Teenage Pregnancy.

### **HOUSING**

29. Clark, Korey. "Minimum wage, marijuana, gambling, and guns dominate slow year for state ballot measures." Capitol Journal. Vol. XXII. No. 30. Oct. 6, 2014. pg. 1-5. (The number of ballot measures is down a bit this year, but voters will still have plenty of them to weigh in on come Election Day.)

## **INSURANCE**

30. Kowalski, Amanda. "The early impact of the Affordable Care Act state-by-state." *Economic Studies at Brookings*. Fall 2014. *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity*. 46 pg. (This paper examines the impact of state policy decisions on the early impact of the ACA using data through the first half of 2014, focusing on the individual health insurance market, which includes plans purchased through exchanges as well as plans purchased directly from insurers.) VF: Insurance-Health.

## **PRIVACY**

31. Orr, Carolyn. "Use of 'big data' in agriculture yields big benefits and privacy concerns for producers." *Stateline Midwest*. Vol. 23. No. 8. July/Aug. 2014. pg. 3. ("Big data" is the term applied to the sorting and processing of enormous quantities of data, and the ability to crunch massive amounts of data may be as important to the future of food production as the development of the tractor was for 20th-century agriculture.)

## **STATE LEGISLATURES**

32. Tomaka, Laura. "In Midwest, states split on whether legislating should be part- or full-time work." *Stateline Midwest*. Vol. 23. No. 8. July/Aug. 2014. pg. 4. (This article discusses the pros and cons of full-time legislature vs. part-time legislature.)

## **STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

33. Bowen, Daniel C. & Zachary Greene. "Should we measure professionalism with an index? a note on theory and practice in state legislative professionalism research." *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*. Vol. 14. No. 3. Sept. 2014. pg. 277-296. (In this article, the authors argue that exclusive use of aggregate indices can limit state politics research.)

34. Lyons, Jeffrey & William P. Jaeger. "Who do voters blame for policy failure? Information and the partisan assignment of blame." *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*. Vol. 14. No. 3. Sept. 2014. pg. 321-341. (How do people assign blame in the wake of government failure? The authors test theories of party information vs. unbiased information in blame assignment. )

35. "Index of state economic momentum." *State Policy Reports*. Vol. 32. Issue 18. Sept. 2014. pg. 2-7. (The index of state economic momentum, developed by SPR Hal Hovey, ranks states based on their most recent performance in three key measures of economic vitality: personal income growth, employment growth, and population growth.)

## **TAXATION**

36. Clark, Korey. "Business as usual for business tax breaks?" *Capitol Journal*. Vol. XXII. No. 27. Sept. 8, 2014. pg. 1-5. (States say they are being far more cautious with the tax incentives they offer companies. But they are still handing them out in droves.)

37. Susa, James M. "Arizona's prime contracting taxation: scope narrowed, future uncertain." *Journal of State Taxation*. Vol. 32. No. 4. Fall 2014. pg. 43-46. (James Susa explains that Arizona's tax on prime contracting has historically had difficulties in terms of compliance and administration; however, the state has begun making amendments to the tax laws to narrow the scope of the tax to provide some simplification for taxpayers.)

## **TECHNOLOGY ISSUES**

38. Bourquard, Joanne & Cassandra Kirsch. "Big data = big benefits." *State Legislatures*. Vol. 40. No. 8. Sept. 2014. pg. 32-34. (States are using large amounts of data to improve efficiency, fight fraud and identify savings.)

39. "Cloud computing services-state-by-state summary." *Journal of State Taxation*. Vol. 32. No. 4. Fall 2014. pg. 47-51. (50 state chart shows states that impose sales/use tax on the following cloud computing service, and how much.)

40. McGlynn, Daniel. "Digital currency." CQ Researcher. Vol. 24. No. 34. Sept. 26, 2014. pg. 793-815. (Financial transactions are increasingly taking place outside the traditional government-backed currency via a variety of so-called digital currencies. Are bitcoin and other new money systems safe?)

## **TOBACCO**

41. Friedman, Jane. "E-cigarettes." CQ Researcher. Vol. 24. No. 33. Sept. 19, 2014. pg. 769-791. (Electronic cigarettes have become hugely popular in the U.S. since their introduction in 2007. The devices, which currently are not regulated by the federal government, deliver nicotine, the addictive substance in conventional cigarettes, through a vapor, without burned tobacco's tar and smoke. Can the electronic devices curb tobacco use?)