

## Missouri Legislative Library

### Acquisitions – April 2013

#### CAMPAIGNS & ELECTIONS

1. “Measuring elections: data, not anecdotes.” The Canvass. NCSL. March 2013. 6 pg. (NCSL has taken the measure of the Elections Performance Index, evaluated Evaluating Elections, and then done a quick survey of the many ways in which the states are already helping themselves make better policy choices when it comes to election administration.)
2. Shanton, Karen. “Voter verification without ID documents.” Legisbrief. Vol. 21. No. 15. April 2013. 2 pg. (Not all states have followed the lead of requiring some type of ID verification at the polls; in at least 20 states, voters can cast a ballot in person on election day without showing an ID document.) VF: Election procedure.

#### CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

3. “Kids count in Missouri.” 2012 data book. The state of our state’s children. Collaborative project of Partnership for Children, Children’s Trust Fund, The Office of Social and Economic Data Analysis at the University of Missouri, and more than 20 public and private organizations across the state. 173 pg. (The annual Kids count in Missouri data book documents the status of children in Missouri’s 114 counties and the City of St. Louis.)
4. Brown, Sarah Alice. “Kids are not adults.” State Legislatures. Vol. 39. No. 4. April 2013. Pg. 20-23. (Brain research is providing new insights into what drives teenage behavior, moving lawmakers to rethink policies that treat them like adults.)
5. Jost, Kenneth. “Gay marriage.” CQ Researcher. Vol. 23. No. 11. March 15, 2013. Pg. 257-279. (Will the Supreme Court end curbs on same-sex unions?)
6. Clemmitt, Marcia. “Homeless students.” CQ Researcher. Vol. 23. No. 13. April 5, 2013. Pg. 305-322. (Advocates for the homeless say more needs to done to make sure they graduate and that the root causes of homelessness-poverty and a lack of affordable housing-have not been adequately addressed.)

#### CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

7. Ehisen, Rich. “Governors.” Capitol Journal. Vol. XXI. No. 11. Pg. 9-15. (California governor Jerry Brown’s efforts at reducing overcrowding in prisons, known as realignment, is examined in this article.)

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

8. Hansen, Melissa & Heather Morton. “A healthy profit.” State Legislatures. Vol. 39. No. 4. April 2013. pg. 24-26. (Harnessing the power of private enterprise for social good may just be the key to improving our health-and reducing costs.)
9. Katz, Bruce & Peter Hamp. “Create a ‘race to the shop’ competition for advanced manufacturing.” Brookings Metropolitan Policy Program. January 2013. 11 pg. (A “race to the shop” competition would challenge states and metropolitan areas to develop long-term plans, investment strategies, and regulatory and administrative reforms in support of their top advanced manufacturing sectors.) VF: Economic development.

## **EDUCATION**

10. Ujifusa, Andrew. “ ‘Parent Trigger’ laws catching fresh wave.” *Education Week*. Vol. 32. No. 26. March 27, 2013. Pg. 23-27. ( A ‘parent trigger’ is a legal maneuver through which parents can change the administration of a poorly performing public school—most notably, by transforming it into a charter school.)

11. Griffith, Michael. “State pre-K funding: 2012-13 school year.” *ECS*. P-3. April 2013. 11 pg. (An analysis conducted by the Education Commission of the States (ECS) found that the majority of state policymakers around the country have spared pre-K funding from the chopping block, and in about half of the states, increased funding—many substantially.) VF: Education-early childhood.

12. Deye, Sunny. “K-12 online learning options.” *Legisbrief*. Vol. 21. No. 16. April 2013. 2 pg. (State virtual schools exist in 27 states as of fall 2012.) VF: Schools-online learning.

13. Price, Tom. “Science and religion.” *CQ Researcher*. Vol. 23. No. 12. March 22, 2013. Pg. 281-303. (A century-and-a half after Charles Darwin published his theory of evolution, scientists and people who read the Bible literally remain locked in conflict.)

14. Shah, Nirvi. “Downside seen in rush to hire school-based police.) *Education Week*. Vol. 32. No. 24. March 13, 2013. Pg. 1-15. (Pros and cons of using resource officers for school safety.)

15. Carpenter, John. “Is affordable higher education a moral imperative for the state?” *Illinois Issues*. Vol. XXXIX. No. 4. April 2013. Pg. 20-22. (The price of higher education, long a crucial rung on the ladder of opportunity, has risen so dramatically in our generation that it can hardly be considered an affordable option.)

16. Grossman, Ilene. “Use of charter schools rising, and state policies changing.” *Stateline Midwest*. Vol. 22. No. 3. March 2013. Pg. 1-7. (Reforms strengthen state’s role in oversight and accountability.)

17. Ben-Asher, Noa. “The lawmaking family.” *Washington University Law Review*. Vol. 90. No. 2. 2012. Pg. 363-420. (There are increasing conflicts over families trying to “opt out” of various legal structures, especially public school education. This article shows that the position of U.S. courts on opting-out conflicts has shifted dramatically over the 20th century; in the early part of the century, parents mostly prevailed in such conflicts, while today, the state typically prevails.)

## **FINANCE & REVENUE**

18. Marlowe, Justin. “How to talk about tax expenditures.” *Governing*. Vol. 26. No. 7. April 2013. Pg. 66. (It is possible to take some of the partisan heat out of the discussion.)

## **FIREARMS**

19. “Reducing gun violence in America. Informing policy with evidence and analysis.” Edited by Daniel W. Webster & Jon S. Vernick. The Johns Hopkins University Press. 2013. 282 pg. (Gun policy lessons from the United States; keeping guns from high-risk individuals. Missouri statistics on pg. 112-114 regarding Missouri’s repeal of Permit to Purchase licensing.) HV 7436.R4 2013

20. Mantel, Barbara. “Gun control.” *CQ Researcher*. Vol. 23. No. 10. March 8, 2013. Pg. 235-252. (Should lawmakers tighten firearm restrictions?)

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

21. Ehisen, Rich. “Physician shortage.” *Capitol Journal*. Vol. XXI. No. 10. April 8, 2013. Pg. 1-4. (States ponder broadening health care scopes of practice, and allowing non-MD health care providers to offer patient services they could previously only get from their doctor.)

22. Comlossy, Megan. "Fighting fraud: Medicaid." *State Legislatures*. Vol. 39. No. 4. April 2013. Pg. 14-17. (States are sniffing out Medicaid swindlers and saving a lot of money.)

23. Marciarille, Ann Marie. "Let fifty flowers bloom: health care federalism after *National Federation of Independent Business v. Sebelius*." *UMKC Law Review*. Vol. 81. No. 2. Winter 2012. Pg. 313-346. (Medicaid expansion, and the need to re-balance Medicaid are discussed in this article.)

## **INSURANCE**

24. Marciarille, Ann Marie. "Let fifty flowers bloom: health care federalism after *National Federation of Independent Business v. Sebelius*." *UMKC Law Review*. Vol. 81. No. 2. Winter 2012. Pg. 313-346. (Medicaid expansion, and the need to re-balance Medicaid are discussed in this article.)

## **MOTOR VEHICLES**

25. Teigen, Anne. "Buckling up in front and back seats." *Legisbrief*. Vol. 21. No. 14. April 2013. 2 pg. (Ten percent fewer passengers used seat belts in the back seat (74%) compared to those up buckled up in the front seat(84%.) VF: Motor vehicle restraints.

## **PENSIONS & RETIREMENT**

26. Nicholl, Kim. "Public-sector pension plans. Major challenges and common-sense solutions." *Government and Finance Review*. Vol. 29. No. 2. April 2013. Pg. 8-13. (Ensuring that state and local pension plan funding will be adequate to support promised benefits is a critical task for policymakers.)

27. Sanford, Paula & Joshua Franzel. "How to 'DB-ize' your supplemental DC retirement plan. *Government and Finance Review*. Vol. 29. No. 2. April 2013. Pg. 14-20. (Supplemental defined contribution plans-plans that are not intended to be the primary retirement savings vehicle for employees-will be more prominent than previously.)

28. Zorn, Paul. "Somewhere in the middle. Cash balance plans." *Government and Finance Review*. Vol. 29. No. 2. April 2013. Pg. 30-36. (In considering the advantages and disadvantages of plan designs, the overall goals of both employers and employees need to be considered.)

29. Link, Jim. "What works in retirement plan design. Participation, perspective, and process." *Government and Finance Review*. Vol. 29. No. 2. April 2013. Pg. 38-42. (The "best" retirement plan depends entirely on the specific circumstances of the plan sponsor, the plan sponsor's goals, and its employment needs.)

30. "State & local pensions. An overview of funding issues and challenges." *Center for State & Local Government Excellence*. Jan. 2013. 8 pg. (This primer lays out key facts about public pension plans, how they compare with the private sector and what kind of reforms are taking place to restore pension plan health.) VF: Public employee retirement systems.

31. "Pension funding: a guide for elected officials." *Report from the Pension Funding Task Force*. 2013. 7 pg. (This report concludes that the most important step for local and state governments is to take their pension funding policy on an actuarially determined contribution (ADC,) VF. Public employee retirement systems.

## **PRIVACY**

32. Greenberg, Pam. "App-losion!" *State Legislatures*. Vol. 39. No. 4. April 2013. Pg. 27-29. (Smartphones and apps are proliferating and getting smarter and smarter. Do they know too much?)

33. "Drone use, restrictions now on radar of many state legislatures." *Stateline Midwest*. Vol. 22. No. 3. March 2013. Pg. 12. (As part of what the American Civil Liberties Union calls "an unprecedented surge of activity" to address the domestic use of drones, legislators in three Midwestern states were considering new privacy protection as of late Feb.)

## **RESEARCH**

34. Mejeur, Jeanne. "How to score a perfect 10." *State Legislatures*. Vol. 39. No. 4. April 2013. Pg. 32-34. (To evaluate research and sources of information, consider the answers to these 10 questions.)

## **STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

35. Cannon, Lou. "Boldness of the states: experiments abound on many issues." *Capitol Journal*. Vol. XXI. No. 12. April 22, 2013. Pg. 1-5. (Long the 'laboratories of democracy,' states in the first quarter of this year have been experimenting avidly in all directions.)

36. Eisenhaur, Cynthia. "Enterprise management. Rethinking in-house services." *Government and Finance Review*. Vol. 29. No. 2. April 2013. Pg. 44-46. (Enterprise management transforms government's internal services, fostering a customer orientation, reducing costs, and increasing value for the customer and the taxpayer.)

37. Dunn, Jamey. "Trouble on the horizon." *Illinois Issues*. Vol. XXXIX. No. 4. April 2013. Pg. 23-25. (The tax increases set to expire in 2015 raise the spectre of even greater cuts.)

38. Marshall, Alan. "Who controls fiber?" *Governing*. Vol. 26. No. 7. April 2013. Pg. 24-25. (Private companies think they should be the only player in the broadband market.)

39. "Minnesota goes from paper to plastic with tax refunds on debit cards." *Stateline Midwest*. Vol. 22. No. 3. March 2013. Pg. 12. (Starting next year, Minnesota will begin issuing individual income-tax refunds via debit cards instead of paper checks; state officials say the transition will save about \$400,000, reduce check fraud and deliver refunds to taxpayers a month earlier.)

## **TAXATION**

40. Clark, Korey. "Budget & taxes." *Capitol Journal*. Vol. XXI. No. 12. April 22, 2013. Pg. 5-6. (Ways of improving tax credits, using several examples from various states.)

## **TECHNOLOGY ISSUES**

41. "Broadband expansion." *Congressional Digest*. Vol. 92. No. 4. April 2013. Pg. 1-32. (This issue discusses how best to balance private-sector investment with government intervention to ensure that all Americans have access to modern telecommunications technology.)

42. Marshall, Alan. "Who controls fiber?" *Governing*. Vol. 26. No. 7. April 2013. Pg. 24-25. (Private companies think they should be the only player in the broadband market.)

## **TRANSPORTATION**

43. "Pumped up." Clark, Korey. *Capitol Journal*. Vol. XXI. No. 11. Pg. 1-3. (States-even some controlled by usually tax-averse Republicans-are opting to increase gas taxes and other fees to provide funding for transportation projects.)

## **VETERANS**

44. Comlossy, Megan. "Facilitating veterans' employment in health care." *Legisbrief*. Vol. 21. No. 13. April 2013. 2 pg. (The unemployment rate for post-9/11 veterans is 11.7%, compared to 8.3 of the general population. Many veterans with medical training have difficulty finding employment in the health care field.) VF: Veterans.