

**ANIMALS**

1. Bernabe, Alberto. "Civil liability for injuries caused by dogs after *Tracey v. Solesky*: new path to the future or back to the past?" *Seton Hall Legislative Journal*. Vol. 40. No. 1.015. pg. 29-51. (This article reviews the policy on adopting dangerous dog laws and presents the American Bar Association's suggestion of passing breed-neutral dangerous dog laws..)

**CAMPAIGNS & ELECTIONS**

2. "Election dates may or may not matter." *NCSL. The Canvass*. Issue 68. April 2016. pg. 1-3. (Several points on election dates are presented-consolidation to larger elections, voters like the idea of voting less often, it's not easy to make changes to election dates.)

3. "Post election audits help states confirm election results." *NCSL. The Canvass*. Issue 68. April 2016. pg. 4. (A post election audit can be an integral step in ensuring the integrity of the election process.)

**CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES**

4. Blackman, Kate. "Books before babies." *State Legislatures*. Vol. 42. No. 4. April 2016. pg.18-21. (Mississippi and Arkansas are leading the country in a new effort to prevent unplanned pregnancies among post secondary age group by requiring community colleges and universities to develop a plan addressing this issue.)

5. Katel, Peter. "Future of the middle class." *CQ Researcher*. Vol. 26. No. 14. April 8, 2016. pg. 313-355. (Is the outlook getting grimmer for average Americans?)

**COURTS**

6. Kliewer, Laura. "Nomination of Supreme Court judges again a big issue in Kansas." *Stateline Midwest*. Vol. 25. No. 3. March 2016. pg. 4.(Unlike other states, a majority of members on Kansas' commission (five of nine) comes from a vote of the states' practicing attorneys; the other four members are appointed by the governor discusses the evolution of this process and Kansas' thoughts about changing it.)

**CRIME & CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

7. "The punishment rate." Brief. The Pew Charitable Trusts. March 2016. 12 pg. (Using the punishment rate to examine the U.S. criminal justice system, Pew found that all states became more punitive from 1983 to 2013, even though they varied widely in the amount of punishment they imposed. The analysis also shows that the nation as a whole has become more punitive than the imprisonment rate alone indicates.) VF: Criminal Procedure.

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9. Bagaric, Mirko & Sandeep Gopalan. "Saving the United States from lurching to another sentencing crisis: taking proportionality seriously and implementing fair fixed penalties." *St. Louis University Law Journal*. Vol. 60. No. 2. Winter 2016. pg. 169-242. (This article proposes a new sentencing paradigm in five parts: Part I sets out in concrete terms a new sentencing paradigm. Part II explains the magnitude of the incarceration burden. Part III is an examination of the principal cause of the increased prison numbers and the contours of the United States sentencing system. Part IV analyzes the principle of proportionality and establishes that it is the bedrock upon which the sentencing system should be grounded. Part V discusses the reasons in favor of maintaining a fixed penalty system, albeit on that is fundamentally different to existing models. The authors summarize their reform recommendation in the concluding remarks.)

## **DRUGS & DRUG TESTING**

10. Hoback, Jane. "Overdosed on opioids." *State Legislatures*. Vol. 42. No. 4. April 2016. pg. 9-13. (A deadly opioid epidemic sweeping the country has lawmakers working hard to find solutions.)

11. "Heroin epidemic in SLC member states: finding solutions." A regional resource from the SLC. March 2016. 31 pg. (New impediments to access, coupled with the rising cost of prescription drugs and enterprising drug traffickers and dealers, led many prescription opioid abusers to a more easily accessible and cost efficient substitute-heroin. With prescription opioid addicts 40 times more likely to become addicted to heroin, states are facing another public health crisis.)

12. Ohio Sen. David Burke. "Restricting emergency refills of expired prescriptions can cost lives." *Stateline Midwest*. Vol. 25. No. 3. March 2016. pg. 9. (Ohio man's death sparks reform of state's 'rigid' refill law.)

13. Buntin, John. "The next drug fight." *Governing*. Vol. 29. No. 7. April 2016. pg. 37-42. (While states are focused on America's opioid epidemic, they may be ignoring a dangerous emerging threat-synthetic drugs.)

## **EDUCATION**

14. Ehisen, Rich. "The student debt dilemma." *Capitol Journal*. Vol. XXIII. No. 49. April 4, 2016. pg. 1-3. (States, feds tackling student debt conundrum.)

15. "School breakfast scorecard." Food Research and Action Center. Feb. 2016. 19 pg. (This report measures the reach of the School Breakfast Program in the 2014-2015 school year-nationally and in each state-based on a variety of metrics, and examines the impact of trends and policies on program participation.) VF: School Linked Services.

## **EMPLOYERS & EMPLOYEES**

16. Meyer, Eugene L. "The gig economy." *CQ Researcher*. Vol. 26. No. 12. March 18, 2016. pg. 265-287. (Is the trend toward non staff employees good for workers-outsourcing work to contractors and self employed or part- time workers.)

## **ENERGY**

17. "Iowa blows by another milestone in wind energy generation." *Stateline Midwest*. Vol. 25. No. 4. April 2016. pg. 12. (Iowa is now getting more than 30% of its electricity from this renewable resource-the only U.S. state that has reached this threshold.)

## **ENVIRONMENT**

18. Davis, Jon. "Flint calls the question: What about our water systems?" *Stateline Midwest*. Vol. 25. No. 3. March 2016. pg. 1+. (Aging infrastructure, lead pipes, nitrate runoff and funding among challenges vexing Midwest's drinking water systems.)

## **FINANCE & REVENUE**

19. "Why states save." The PEW Charitable Trusts. Dec. 2015. 24 pg. (Using evidence to inform how large rainy day funds should grow.) VF: State Finance & Revenue.

20. "Reducing budget risks." The PEW Charitable Trusts. Dec. 2015. 19 pg. (Using data and design to make state tax incentives more predictable.) VF: State Finance & Revenue.

21. "Fiscal capacity, effort, need, and gaps." *State Policy Reports*. Vol. 34. No. 5. March 2016. 9 pg. (The Urban Institute has updated its Representative Revenue System which takes each major tax and fee source and applies an average national tax rate to each states' underlying base to determine how much each state would generate from a hypothetical standardized revenue system.)

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## **GAMBLING**

24. Anderson, Tim. "States trying to tackle legality of daily fantasy sports activity." *Stateline Midwest*. Vol. 25. No. 4. April 2016. pg. 1+. (Recent bills seek to remove statutory bans or ambiguity while adding rules for operators and new protections for participants.)

## HEALTH, WELFARE & SOCIAL SERVICES

25. Noble, Ashley A. "Increasing access to epinephrine." *Legisbrief*. Vol. 24. No. 15. April 2016. 2 pg. (Responding to risks associated with anaphylaxis by ensuring that epinephrine is widely available continues to be of interest in the states.) VF: Child Welfare.
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28. Barbarito, A.J. "The nurse will see you now: expanding the scope of practice for advanced practice registered nurses." *Seton Hall Legislative Journal*. Vol. 40. No. 1. 2015. pg. 127-158. (This article introduces the reader to APRN's, including their training, education and practice, and the data available on their competency as healthcare practitioners, as well as current legislative scheme that regulates the scope of practice for APRN's, and finally, discusses physician opposition to this legislative action.)

## INSURANCE

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## **STATE & FEDERAL RELATIONS**

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## **STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

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39. Greenblatt, Alan. "We interrupt this program..." *Governing*. Vol. 29. No. 7. April 2016. pg. 24-28. (Some states will nullify local government actions any chance they get-while at the same time complaining about federal intrusion on their own policies.)

40. Perlman, Bruce. "Politics, opportunity, and leadership: when stars align for local consolidation." *State and Local Government Review*. Vol. 48. No. 1. 2016. pg. 42-48. (In this view, outside of purely technical consolidation when standards and gains are clear, consolidation success is enabled by experience, intuition, and guidance. The job of local officials and those who work with them is to identify the particular moment when all the elements supporting a consolidation goal are present or the essential ones frustrating it are absent.)

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## **TECHNOLOGY ISSUES**

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## **TRANSPORTATION**

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## **WOMEN & MINORITIES**

47. "Pay equity best practices guidelines. a report for the Women's Foundation." Prepared by Sonja Erickson, M.A. Institute of Public Policy. Harry S Truman School of Public Affairs. University of Missouri-Columbia. 25 pgs.+appendices. (Executive order no. 15-09 directed employers to determine whether gender wage gaps exist in their organizations; reevaluate their current compensation system for pay equity, and ensure transparency concerning organizational compensation policies. This report provides a more comprehensive study of these best practices.) VF: Women in the Labor Force.

48. Quinn, Mattie. "Follow the money." *Governing*. Vol. 29. No. 7. April 2016. pg. 51-54. (States and cities want to support women-and minority owned businesses. But they often don't know whom they're really paying.)