

### CAMPAIGNS & ELECTIONS

1. Clark, Korey. "Voting restrictions running out of steam in states?" *Capitol Journal*. Vol. XXIV. No. 29. Sept. 12, 2016. pg. 1-4. (New voting restrictions will be in effect in 15 states for the first time in a presidential election this year. But courts have blocked or loosened such restrictions in a few states, and legislative activity aimed at expanding voter access is outpacing efforts to restrict it.)
2. McCutcheon, Chuck. "Populism and party politics." *CQ Researcher*. Vol. 26. No. 9. Sept. 9, 2016. pg. 721-743. (Is the populist movement good for democracy?)
3. "Security and elections: what legislators need to know." *NCSL. The Canvass*. Sept. 2016. pg. 1-6. (This article covers concerns about the mechanics of the election, including concerns about security.)

### CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

4. Lyons, Christina. "Child welfare." *CQ Researcher*. Vol. 26. No. 29. Aug. 26, 2016. pg. 673-695. (Social workers, child advocates and researchers are trying to determine how child welfare agencies can better prevent child abuse or rescue children suffering from it.)

### CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

5. Wodah, Eric J. "The challenges of prisoner reentry from a rural perspective." *Western Criminology Review*. Vol. 7. No. 2. 2006. pg. 32-47. (This paper examines the challenges rural bound offenders face when returning to the community, focusing specifically on housing, employment, substance abuse and mental health.) VF: Correctional Facilities.

### CRIME & CRIMINAL JUSTICE

6. "The criminal justice landscape. a primer for state policymakers." *Capitol Ideas*. Vol. 59. No. 5. Sept./Oct. 2016. pg. 14-17. (The data and examples in this article provide a look at recent trends across key stages of the justice process and set the stage for subsequent policy discussions on this issue, as well as in statehouses across the country.)
7. Morgan, Emily & Katy Albis. "Getting young adults back on track. tailoring justice system approaches to a population at a crossroads." *Capitol Ideas*. Vol. 59. No. 5. Sept./Oct. 2016. pg. 20-21. (Data shows that young adults have a higher recidivism rate than other age groups, and in response, states are exploring various policy and practice approaches to address the distinct needs of young adults.)

**8.** Albis, Katy. "Risk and needs assessment and race in the criminal justice system." *Capitol Ideas*. Vol. 59. No. 5. Sept./Oct. 2016. pg. 22-23. (Risk and needs assessment uses an actuarial evaluation to guide decision making at various points across the criminal justice continuum by approximating a person's likelihood of reoffending and determining what individual needs must be met in order to reduce that likelihood.)

**9.** Nathan Lowe, Ph. D. & Kimberly Cobb, M.S. "The long road home in rural America." *Capitol Ideas*. Vol. 59. No. 5. Sept./Oct. 2016. pg. 30-31. (Reentry is one of the most pressing criminal justice issues in the country today. How prepared are communities, particularly rural communities, to receive the individuals back home?)

**10.** Neighly, Madeline & Ashleigh Fryer. "Clearing a path from conviction to employment." *Capitol Ideas*. Vol. 59. No. 5. Sept./Oct. 2016. pg. 36-38. (Supporting employers, job seekers and the community through criminal records clearance.)

**11.** Hoag, Christina. "Jailing debtors." *CQ Researcher*. Vol. 26. No. 32. Sept. 16, 2016. pg. 745-765. (Should people be jailed for unpaid fines?)

**12.** Maciag, Mike. "Tracking the Ferguson effect." *Governing*. Vol. 29. No. 12. Sept. 2016. pg. 58-59. (Have police really become more reluctant to intervene in dangerous situations? There's no easy answer.)

**13.** Nance, Jason P. "Students, police, and the school to prison pipeline." *Washington University Law Review*. Vol. 93. No. 4. 2016. pg. 919-987. (Since the terrible school shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, CT, lawmakers and school officials continue to deliberate over new laws and policies to keep students safe, including putting more police officers in schools.)

## **DRUGS & DRUG TESTING**

**14.** Durkay, Jocelyn & Duranya Freeman. "Electricity use in marijuana production." *Legisbrief*. Vol. 24. No. 31. Aug. 2016. 2 pg. (States that address marijuana use are also encountering a less discussed issue: the immense amount of electricity required for indoor production, the style of growing highest in electricity requirements.) VF: Marijuana.

## **EDUCATION**

**15.** "State of the pay for success field: opportunities, trends, and recommendations." Corporation for National & Community Service. April 2015. 58 pg. (The term "pay for success" refers to an innovative method of financing social services that shares risks and rewards through collaboration of public, private, and nonprofit sectors.) VF: Public-Private Partnerships.

**16.** Weyer, Matt. "Tutoring young students in reading and math." *Legisbrief*. Vol. 24. No. 29. Aug. 2016. 2 pg. (Some states looking to elevate young students' proficiency have turned to tutoring programs offered by AmeriCorps. Established in 1993, AmeriCorps is a federal program that connects Americans of all ages and backgrounds with opportunities to give back to their communities and nation.) VF: Education-Elementary & Secondary.

**17.** Mitchell, Michael, et al. "Funding down, tuition up. state cuts to higher education threaten quality and affordability at public colleges." Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. Aug. 15,

2016. 28 pg. (As states have slashed higher education funding, the price of attending public colleges has risen significantly faster than the growth in median income.) VF: Education-Higher.

**18.** *2016 United States School Laws and Rules*. Two volumes. Thomson Reuters. 4094 pg.+ index. (*United States School Laws and Rules* is a compilation of federal statutes, regulations, and guidance documents, with research aids, that govern education in America.) Ref KF 4105.99.U55.2015

**19.** "Trends in college pricing 2015." College Board. Trends in Higher Education Series. 43 pg. (In Trends in college pricing 2015, the researchers report on the prices charged by colleges and universities in 2015-16, how prices have changed over time, and how they vary within and across types of institutions, states, and regions.) VF: Education-Higher.

**20.** Furzi, Gino & Dustin Weeden. "Saving for college: 529 plans." *Legisbrief*. Vol. 24. No. 36. Sept. 2016. 2 pg. (To encourage saving for college, 49 states sponsor one or two types of tax advantage plans-college savings plans and prepaid tuition plans. Together these options are known as "529 plans, after that section of the federal tax code.) VF: Education-Higher.

**21.** Nance, Jason P. "Students, police, and the school to prison pipeline." *Washington University Law Review*. Vol. 93. No. 4. 2016. pg. 919-987. (Since the terrible school shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, CT, lawmakers and school officials continue to deliberate over new laws and policies to keep students safe, including putting more police officers in schools.)

## **EMPLOYERS & EMPLOYEES**

**22.** Boyd, Donald J. & Yimeng Yin. "Public pension funding practices." Pension Stimulation Project. The Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government. State University of New York. 10 pg. (This articles discusses how public pension funding practices can lead to significant underfunding or significant contribution increases when plans invest in risky assets.) VF: Public Employee Retirement Practices.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

**23.** Vock, Daniel C. "Troubled waters." *Governing*. Vol. 29. No. 12. Sept. 2016. pg. 34-41. (In the aftermath of Flint, communities all over the country are taking a new look at their water and the way it's been managed.)

**24.** Wooley, David R. & Elizabeth M. Morss. *Clean air act handbook. A practical guide to compliance*. 26th ed. 2016.1123 pgs. includes tables and index. ( This reference provides the text of the Clean Air Act (CAA), complete coverage of EPA implementation rules, and an analysis of potential problem areas, along with summaries of key regulations, deadlines, enforcement, and financial impacts. It also includes extensive updates on the scores of regulations and policy documents issued by the EPA.) Ref KF 3812.C5545 2016.

## **FINANCE & REVENUE**

**25.** Susa, James M. & Morgan N. Larson. "Colorado solves use tax collection conundrum: remote sellers must report buyers." *Journal of State Taxation*. Vol. 34. No. 4. Fall 2016. pg. 15-24.(The authors review Colorado's attempt to collect use tax from sales to Colorado residents

from remote sellers, and look ahead on how Colorado's approach may lead other states down a similar path, and how remote sellers may respond.)

**26.** Somers, Kristina E. & Douglas A. Pessefall. "Illinois appellate court deals potentially fatal blow to hospital property tax exemption." *Journal of State Taxation*. Vol. 34. No. 4. Fall 2016. pg. 25+. (The authors examine the increasing challenges facing Not for profit hospitals in Illinois in light of a recent appellate court decision.)

**27.** MacKellar, Erica. "Performance based budgeting in the states." *Legisbrief*. Vol. 24. No. 35. 2 pgs. (Performance based budgeting requires programs and agencies to work toward a larger purpose, while meeting specific goals and performance measures.) VF: Budget Procedure.

**28.** Dadayan, Lucy & Donald J. Boyd. "Weak stock market and declines in oil prices depressed state tax revenues." *State Revenue Report*. No. 104. Sept. 2016. 30 pgs. (Declines in state tax revenues in the second quarter raise a yellow flag for state budgets.)

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

**29.** Hathaway, Jessica. "Funding social programs with social impact bonds." *Legisbrief*. Vol. 24. No. 32. Aug. 2016. 2 pg. (Social impact bonds are a type of "pay for success" funding agreement in which payments for services are tied to the attainment of measurable results.) VF: Public-Private Partnerships.

**30.** "State of the pay for success field: opportunities, trends, and recommendations." Corporation for National & Community Service. April 2015. 58 pg. (The term "pay for success" refers to an innovative method of financing social services that shares risks and rewards through collaboration of public, private, and nonprofit sectors.) VF: Public-Private Partnerships.

**31.** "Social impact bonds. a guide for state and local governments." A publication of the Harvard Kennedy School Social Impact Bond Technical Assistance Lab. June 2013. 31 pg. (The social impact bond model is a promising new approach that combines performance based payments and market discipline. It has the potential improve results, overcome barriers to social innovation, and encourage investments in cost saving preventative services.) VF: Public-Private Partnerships.

**32.** Cauchi, Richard & Savannah Robinson. "Access to diabetes prescription drug coverage." *Legisbrief*. Vol. 24. No. 34. 2 pg. (46 states and the District of Columbia require health insurance carriers to provide coverage for diabetes treatments. While the legal language varies, in almost all states, the insurance department is tasked with administering the law and documenting violations by insurers.) VF: Insurance-Health.

**33.** Long, Sharon K., et al. "Massachusetts health reform at ten years: great progress, but coverage gaps remain." *Health Affairs*. Vol. 35. No. 9. Sept. 2016. pg. 1633-1637. (Massachusetts's 2006 health reform legislation was intended to move the state to near universal health coverage and to improve access to affordable health care. Ten years later, a large body of research demonstrates sustained gains in coverage-but many vulnerable populations and communities in the state have high uninsurance rates, and gaps in access and affordability persists. )

**34.** Monga, Nathan & Jonathan Griffin. "Addressing homelessness." *Legisbrief*. Vol. 24. No. 33. Sept. 2016. 2 pgs. ( Each year in the United States, approximately 3 million people spend the

nights without shelter-1.3 millions of whom are children. Circumstances can place certain people at greater risk for homelessness, such as prisoners, and a young person who has aged out of foster care.) VF: Homeless.

**35.** Quinn, Mattie. "Remote possibilities." *Governing*. Vol. 29. No. 12. Sept. 2016. pg. 48-51. (Rural counties are finally getting some help with an overlooked and underserved population-the mentally ill-but it will take new approaches.)

## **INSURANCE**

**36.** Long, Sharon K., et al. "Massachusetts health reform at ten years: great progress, but coverage gaps remain." *Health Affairs*. Vol. 35. No. 9. Sept. 2016. pg. 1633-1637. (Massachusetts's 2006 health reform legislation was intended to move the state to near universal health coverage and to improve access to affordable health care. Ten years later, a large body of research demonstrates sustained gains in coverage-but many vulnerable populations and communities in the state have high uninsurance rates, and gaps in access and affordability persists. )

**37.** Helveston, Max L. "Consumer protection in the age of big data." *Washington University Law Review*. Vol. 93. No. 4. 2016. pg. 859-917.(Technological advances in the degree to which third parties can record information about individuals, along with increases in the use of predictive analytics, are transforming the way that business is conducted in practically all sectors of the economy-especially in the insurance industry, where a firm's ability to forecast the future is the central determinant of its profitability.)

## **NATIVE AMERICANS**

**38.** Essex, Amanda. "Traffic safety on tribal lands." *Legisbrief*. Vol. 24. No. 30. 2 pg. (Between 2009 and 2013, 2,602 Native Americans were killed in traffic crashes. in 2013, there were 511 Native American traffic fatalities, 180 which occurred on reservations.) VF: Indian Tribes.

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**40.** *Washington information directory. 2016-2017*. CQ Press. 1056 pgs. + index. (The definitive source for finding and making contacts at the U.S. government and nongovernmental organizations in Washington, DC.) Ref F 192.3 W33 2016/2017.

**41.** Wooley, David R. & Elizabeth M. Morss. *Clean air act handbook. A practical guide to compliance*. 26th ed. 2016.1123 pgs. includes tables and index. ( This reference provides the text of the Clean Air Act (CAA), complete coverage of EPA implementation rules, and an analysis of potential problem areas, along with summaries of key regulations, deadlines, enforcement, and financial impacts. It also includes extensive updates on the scores of regulations and policy documents issued by the EPA.) Ref KF 3812.C5545 2016.

## **STATE & FEDERAL RELATIONS**

**42.** Griffin, Jonathan. "Religious freedom restoration acts." *Legisbrief*. Vol. 24. No. 17. May 2015. 2 pgs. (Religious Freedom Restoration Acts provide a strict scrutiny test for courts: namely, that government may not burden or restrict a person's exercise of religion, unless it demonstrates that the burden or restriction furthers a compelling government interest and is done through the least restrictive means.) VF: Religion.

## **STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**43.** MacKellar, Erica. "Performance based budgeting in the states." *Legisbrief*. Vol. 24. No. 35. 2 pgs. (Performance based budgeting requires programs and agencies to work toward a larger purpose, while meeting specific goals and performance measures.)VF: Budget Procedure.

**44.** "A performance management framework for state and local government: from measurement and reporting to management and improving." National Performance Management Advisory Commission. 2010. 61 pgs. (A Performance Management Framework provides a model for public sector performance management based on seven key principles, which can be applied to local government planning, budgeting, management, and evaluation to bring together critical processes and decision making to improve results.) VF: State Government-Improvement.

**45.** Buntin, John. "The reinventors." *Governing*. Vol. 29. No. 12. Sept. 2016. pg. 26-33. (25 years after first "reinventing government," states are still tinkering with how to get it right.)

## **TAXATION**

**46.** Farmer, Liz. "Thinking out of the box." *Governing*. Vol. 29. No. 12. Sept. 2016. pg. 52-56. (Big box retailers are deploying a 'dark store' strategy that's hurting city revenues.)

**47.** Oei, Shu-Yi & Diane M. Ring. "Can sharing be taxed?" *Washington University Law Review*. Vol. 93. No. 4. 2016. pg. 989-1069. (The past few years have seen a rise of the new model of production and consumption of goods and services, often referred to as the "sharing economy." The rise of sharing has raised questions about how it should be regulated, including whether existing laws and regulations can and should be enforced in this new sector or whether new ones are needed.)

## **TECHNOLOGY ISSUES**

**48.** Helveston, Max L. "Consumer protection in the age of big data." *Washington University Law Review*. Vol. 93. No. 4. 2016. pg. 859-917.(Technological advances in the degree to which third parties can record information about individuals, along with increases in the use of predictive analytics, are transforming the way that business is conducted in practically all sectors of the economy-especially in the insurance industry, where a firm's ability to forecast the future is the central determinant of its profitability.)

## **WOMEN & MINORITIES**

**49.** Greenblatt, Alan. "Women in leadership." *CQ Researcher*. Vol. 26. No. 33. Sept. 23, 2016. pg. 769-792. (Can women achieve true equality?)