

ANIMALS

1. Reed, James B. "State policies on service dogs for military veterans." *Legisbrief*. Vol. 23. No. 47. Dec. 2015. 2 pgs. (State legislatures are assisting veterans with disabilities by making it easier for them to use service dogs.) VF: Animals.

CAMPAIGNS & ELECTIONS

2. "Election funding for 2020 and beyond." *The Canvass*. Issue 64. Nov./Dec. 2015. pg 1-3. (Discusses jurisdictions preparing for elections, particularly regarding equipment used for casting and tabulating votes.)

3. Diorio, Daniel. "Registering voters automatically." *Legisbrief*. Vol. 23. No. 46. Dec. 2015. 2 pgs. (Nearly 17.5 million voter registration applications came through motor vehicle agencies nationwide in 2014, according to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission.) VF: Election Procedure.

4. "Legislative vacancies: a patchwork of laws for patching holes in state legislatures." *The Canvass*. Issue 65. Jan. 2016. pg. 1-3. (State laws on filling legislative vacancies . Differences between states presented.)

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

5. Superville, Denisa R. "Locked up youths see grim prospects in many states." *Education Week*. Vol. 35. No. 14. pg. Dec. 9, 2015. 1+. (The quality of schooling for tens of thousands of incarcerated juveniles falls far short of the education their peers receive in public schools, advocates say.)

CIVIL RIGHTS

6. Greenblatt, Alan. "Transgender rights." *CQ Researcher*. Vol. 25. No. 44. Dec. 11, 2015. pg. 1033-1055. (Can a long scorned minority achieve equality?)

7. Katel, Peter. "Racial conflict." *CQ Researcher*. Vol. 26. No. 2. pg. 25-47. Jan. 8, 2016. (Are U.S. police discriminatory?)

8. Jost, Kenneth. "Housing discrimination." *CQ Researcher*. Vol. 25. No. 6. Nov. 6, 2015. pg. 939-959. (Should government do more to reduce residential segregation?)

CRIME & CRIMINAL JUSTICE

9. "State prison reform." *Governing*. Vol. 28. No. 4. Jan. 2016. pg. 28. (30 states have passed laws similar to the one in Utah in an attempt to save money and reduce recidivism.)

10. Katel, Peter. "Racial conflict." *CQ Researcher*. Vol. 26. No. 2. pg. 25-47. Jan. 8, 2016. (Are U.S. police discriminatory?)

DRUGS & DRUG TESTING

11. Johns, Tracy L. "Managing a policy experiment: adopting and implementing recreational marijuana policies in Colorado." *State and Local Government*. Vol. 47. No. 3. 2015. pg. 193-204. (The findings of this research indicate that the decision regarding adoption was a result of a combination of policy determinants and policy diffusion.)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

12. Tomaka, Laura. "States put more watchful eye on tax incentives and their impact." *Stateline Midwest*. Vol. 24. No. 11. Nov. 2015. pg. 1+. (The New York Times spent 10 months investigating business incentives awarded by hundreds of cities, counties and states. The state by state results may be found at: www.nytimes.com/interactive/2012/12/01/us/government-incentives.html.)

13. Minnesota Rep. Bob Barrett. "Learning from past tax incentives." *Stateline Midwest*. Vol. 24. No. 11. Nov. 2015. pg. 7. (This article includes a table of recent laws in the Midwest to improve oversight of incentive programs.)

14. Martel, Luke. "On record with Christopher Thornburg." *State Legislatures*. Vol. 42. No. 1. Jan. 2016. pg. 22-23. (Interview with Christopher Thornburg, founding partner of Beacon Economics, LLC, on factors of economic growth.)

EDUCATION

15. Sweetland, Scott R. "An assessment of the adequacy of Ohio school funding: new performance standards and alternative measurements of adequacy." *Journal of Education Finance*. Vol. 41. No. 2. Fall 2015. pg. 124-144. (Reflecting upon *Rose v. Council*, this research traced the development of adequate school funding in Ohio.)

16. Weiler, Spencer C. & William Hartman. "An overview of the 2015 State of the States." *Journal of Education Finance*. Vol. 41. No. 2. Fall 2015. pg. 197-287. (Presenters at the 2015 National Education Finance Academy's State of the State Roundtable session were directed to address the following topics:

1. Funding priorities/trends for P-12 and/or higher education
2. Changes to the funding formula for P-12 and/or higher education
3. Pressing issues affecting P-12 and/or higher education funding
4. Exclusive to P-12 funding: diverting funds from public school districts
5. Exclusive to higher education: trends in state funding for public institutions)

17. Tye, Katelyn. "Iowa offering teachers new career pathway and higher pay." *Stateline Midwest*. Vol. 24. No. 11. Nov. 2015. pg. 3. (Under the Teacher Leadership and Compensation Program, Iowa is providing \$50 million in grants to school districts each year.)

18. Superville, Denisa R. "Locked up youths see grim prospects in many states." *Education Week*. Vol. 35. No. 14. Dec. 9, 2015. pg. 1+. (The quality of schooling for tens of thousands of incarcerated juveniles falls far short of the education their peers receive in public schools, advocates say, raising major concerns about the prospects of one of the most vulnerable groups of students.)

19. "The Every Student Succeeds Act: explained." *Education Week*. Vol. 35. No. 14. Dec. 9, 2015. pg. 17. (Under the Every Student Succeeds Act, states would get significant leeway in a wide range of areas, with the U.S. Dept. of Education seeing its hands on role in accountability scaled back considerably. The article lists 13 highlights with brief explanations.)

20. Klein, Alyson. "New law, fresh challenges." *Education Week*. Vol. 35. No. 15. Jan. 6, 2016. pg. 10-12. (States, districts will share more power under The Every Student Succeeds Act.)

21. Sawchuk, Stephen. "Law could spur changes in teacher requirements." *Education Week*. Vol. 35. No. 15. Jan. 6, 2016. pg. 14-15. (With the signing of the Every Student Succeeds Act, an era of significant federal involvement in teacher licensing and evaluation has come to an end-most notably, the new law does not require states to set up teacher-evaluation systems based in significant part on students' test scores-a key requirement of the U.S. Dept. of Education's state-waiver system in connection with ESSA's predecessor, the No Child Left Behind Act.)

22. Blad, Evie. "New law widens lens to gauge school success." *Education Week*. Vol. 35. No. 15. Jan. 6, 2016. pg. 15+. (A portion of the Every Student Succeeds Act that requires states to incorporate non academic factors into their accountability systems could help promote a broader vision of school success that extends beyond traditional measures, such as standardized test scores.)

23. Tye, Katelyn. "Rethinking the senior year." *Stateline Midwest*. Vol. 24. No. 12. Dec. 2015. pg. 1+. (Some policies add rigor and choice for students; goals include ensuring postsecondary success and reducing cost of college.)

24. Barlow, Sarah E. "School district reorganization options in Illinois." *First Reading*. Vol. 29. No. 2. pg. 1-6. (Decisions to redraw school district borders are mostly subject to final approval by the voters, and Illinois has a number of options for such changes.)

25. "Called to account: new directions in school accountability." *Education Week. Quality Counts*. 20th edition. Vol. 35. No. 16. Jan. 7, 2016.
Path to accountability taking bold new turns; educators and policymakers seek the right formula to promote achievement and improvement.

2. Tough balancing act on accountability.
4. Path to accountability taking bold new turns.
7. Policy hammers.
8. Highlighting NCLB-ERA research.
10. RC spread/QC scores.
14. *Quality Counts* at 20.
16. Moving beyond just academics as a way to assess effectiveness.
18. At a Los Angeles school, carving safe spaces to share and learn.
20. States collaborate in pursuit of fresh accountability ideas.
23. In school turnaround efforts, Massachusetts enlists districts.

- 26. Measuring up: latest scorecard puts states, nations to the test.
Tables:
 - 28. Grading summary.
 - 29. School finance.
 - 30. Chance for success.
 - 32. K-12 achievement.
- 35. Methodology.
- 36. Sources & notes.

EMPLOYERS & EMPLOYEES

26. Liss, Jessica L. & David A. Martin. "Accommodating transgender employees: what every employer needs to know." *Journal of the Missouri Bar*. Vol. 71. No. 6. Nov-Dec., 2015. pg. 308-312. (This article addresses the legal issues in the state or jurisdictions in which employers operate, and to assist employers with fulfilling their obligations toward transgender employees.)
ENERGY

27. *Transportation energy book*. Prepared for the Office of Vehicle and Engine Research and Development, Department of Energy [by] Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Edition 34. 2015. v.p., with tables. (This edition of the data book has 12 chapters which focus on various aspects of the transportation industry.) HD 9502.U52 T772.2015

ENVIRONMENT

28. Adams, Jill U. "Air pollution and climate change." *CQ Researcher*. Vol. 25. No. 41. Nov. 13, 2015. pg. 961-983. (Are tougher regulations necessary?)

FEDERAL RELATIONS

29. "The state-federal balance of payments." *State Policy Reports*. Vol. 33. No. 21. Nov. 2015. pg. 1-7. (How much does each state get back for every dollar it sends to Washington? After many years without an answer to that question, a new analysis for the New York comptroller's office tackles the issue.)

FINANCE & REVENUE

30. "State and local finances in FY 2013." *State Policy Reports*. Vol. 34. Issue 1. Jan. 2016. pg. 1-14. (The Census Bureau has released its state and local finance series for fiscal year 2013, which allows an apples to apples comparison of tax structures and burdens among the states. This issue focuses on the revenue highlights of the new data.)

31. Farmer, Liz. "Disappearing act." *Governing*. Vol. 28. No. 4. Jan. 2016. pg. 46-49. (Money from corporate taxes barely factors into the state revenue picture anymore. Where'd it go?)

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

32. Wheelock, David C. "Economics and politics in selecting federal reserve cities: why Missouri has two reserve banks." *Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis Review*. Vol. 97. No. 4. 2015. pg. 269-

285. (Missouri is the only state with two Federal Reserve Banks, and it has long been alleged that political influence explains why Reserve Banks were placed in both St. Louis and Kansas City.)

FIREARMS

33. "Inslee launches program to combat gun deaths." *Capitol Journal*. Vol. XXIII. No. 40. Jan. 11, 2016. pg. 11. (Under Washington Gov. Jay Inslee's Executive Order, the state Department of Health, the Department of Social and Health Services, the University of Washington and other state and local agencies will collect data on deaths and injuries related to firearms with the express purpose of coming up with strategies for reducing that violence.)

HEALTH, WELFARE & SOCIAL SERVICES

34. Hanson, Karmen. "Addressing depression." *Legisbrief*. Vol. 23. No. 48. Dec. 2015. 2 pgs. (At least 13 states support Mental Health First Aid for first responders, teachers, and others.) VF: Mental Health.

35. Wogan, J.B. "Restraining orders." *Governing*. Vol. 28. No. 3. pg. 43-48. (Patients with mental illness are being detained in emergency rooms, often for weeks at a time. Now some states are rethinking the entire psychiatric care system.)

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39. Bandara, Sachini N., et al. "Leveraging The Affordable Care Act to enroll justice involved populations in Medicaid: state and local efforts." *Health Affairs*. Vol. 34. No. 12. Dec. 2015. pg. 2044-2051. (This study characterizes the national landscape of programs enrolling criminal justice involved populations in Medicaid as of Jan. 2015.)

HOUSING

40. Jost, Kenneth. "Housing discrimination." *CQ Researcher*. Vol. 25. No. 6. Nov. 6, 2015. pg. 939-959. (Should government do more to reduce residential segregation?)

INSURANCE

- 41.** Miller, Debra. "Making the match for Medicaid expansion." *Capitol Ideas*. Vol. 59. No. 1. Jan./Feb. 2016. pg. 16. (Beginning in Jan. 2017, 30 states and the District of Columbia will be required to make a 5% matching payment for their Medicaid spending on their expansion populations. The match will climb to 6, 7 and then 10% in 2018, 2019, and 2020, respectively.)
- 42.** Gabel, Jon R. et al. "In second year of marketplaces, new entrants, ACA 'co ops,' and Medicaid plans restrain average premium growth rates." *Health Affairs*. Vol. 34. No. 12. Dec. 2015. pg. 2020-2025. (The authors use data from the Marketplaces, state insurance departments, and insurer websites to examine patterns of premium pricing and the factors behind these patterns.)
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- 45.** Grob, Rachel & Mark Schlesinger. "Educating, enrolling, and engaging: the state of marketplace consumer assistance under The Affordable Care Act." *Health Affairs*. Vol. 34. No. 12. Dec. 2015. pg. 2052-2060. (In this article, the authors assess the current state of Marketplace enrollment assistance, synthesizing evidence from published evaluations and analyses of data from nationwide surveys of assisters.)
- 46.** "The Stephen Group report to the Arkansas Health Reform Legislative Task Force." Oct. 2015. 16 pg. (The Stephen Group was hired to assess the status of the traditional (pre expansion) and expansion components of Arkansas Medicaid and make recommendations for improvement.) VF: Medicaid.

PENSIONS & RETIREMENT

- 47.** Wang, Qiushi & Jun Peng. "An empirical analysis of state and local public pension plan funded ratio change, 2001-2009." *The American Review of Public Administration*. Vol. 46. No. 1. Jan. 2016. pg. 75-91. (The results of this analysis suggest that pension plans seeking to improve their funded ratios may need to revise their investment strategies, pay a higher percentage of their required contribution, require employees to pay more toward their pension benefit, and limit the use of automatic or consumer price index linked cost of living adjustments.)

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RELIGION

52. Karaim, Reed. "Religious freedom." *CQ Researcher*. Vol. 26. No. 1. Jan. 1, 2016. pg. 1-24. (Do U.S. laws adequately protect religious rights?)

STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

53. Johns, Tracy L. "Managing a policy experiment: adopting and implementing recreational marijuana policies in Colorado." *State and Local Government*. Vol. 47. No. 3. 2015. pg. 193-204. (The findings of this research indicate that the decision regarding adoption was a result of a combination of policy determinants and policy diffusion.)

54. Khan, Aman & Olga L. Murova. "Productive efficiency of public expenditures: a cross state study." *State and Local Government*. Vol. 47. No. 3. 2015. pg. 170-180. (The results of this study show that there has been a general decrease in efficiency during the study period, with some exceptions, consistent with the growth trend in the national economy.)

55. Cannon, Lou. "2016: laboratories of democracy." *Capitol Journal*. Vol. XXIII. No. 39. Dec. 21, 2015. pg. 1-15. (This essay focuses on the economies and politics of the states heading into an election year.)

TAXATION

56. "Total state and local business taxes. state by state estimates for fiscal year 2014." *Council on State Taxation*. Oct. 2015. 26 pg. (This report presents detailed state by state estimates of the state and local taxes paid by businesses for FY2014.) VF: Taxation.

TRANSPORTATION

57. *Transportation energy book.* Prepared for the Office of Vehicle and Engine Research and Development, Department of Energy [by] Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Edition 34. 2015. V.p., with tables. (This edition of the data book has 12 chapters which focus on various aspects of the transportation industry.) HD 9502.U52 T772.2015

58. "In 2015, legislatures in 4 Midwest states boosted funding for roads." *Stateline Midwest*. Vol. 24. No. 12. Dec. 2015. pg.4. (Four state legislatures in the Midwest made major moves on

transportation policy this year, adopting increases in motor fuel taxes that in some cases had been left unchanged for more than a decade.)