

Missouri Legislative Library

Acquisitions – December 2014

AGED

1. Comlossy, Megan & Jacob Walden. "Silver tsunami." *State Legislatures*. Vol. 39. No. 10. Dec. 2013. pg 14-19. (In this article: states have a fairly long to-do list to get ready for the health care needs of an aging America.)

ALCOHOL

2. Zullo, Roland, et al. "The fiscal and social effects of state alcohol control systems." *Institute for Research on Labor, Employment, and the Economy*. May 2013. 85 pg. (The objective of this research is to examine, from the perspective of the state, the costs and benefits of state-owned alcohol distribution and sales systems) VF: Liquor industry.

ANIMALS

3. Griffin, Jonathan. "Cockfighting laws." *Legisbrief*. Vol. 22. No. 1. Jan. 2014. 2 pg. (States are taking action to increase penalties for cockfighting and to increase the scope of prohibited actions related to cockfighting.) VF: Animals.

CAMPAIGNS & ELECTIONS

4. Underhill, Wendy. "Voting for long-term care residents." *The Canvass – States and Election Reform* (NCSL), Issue 44. Dec. 2013. pg. 1-6. (Suggestions in assisting long-term care residents in voting.)

5. Hicks, William D. "Initiatives within representative government: political competition and initiative use in the American states." *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*. Vol. 13. No. 4. Dec. 2013. pg. 471-494. (The author finds strong evidence that initiatives are used in response to partisan conditions.)

CONSUMERISM

6. Friesen, Ben. "Payday came and with it fear: the problem of a 36 percent APR cap on payday loans and suggestions for finding a regulatory balance in Missouri's payday lending industry." *UMKC Law Review*. Vol. 81. No. 4. Summer 2013. pg. 943-965. (This article discusses how Missouri sought to limit the APR payday lenders can charge.)

COURTS & CRIMINAL JUSTICE

7. Glazer, Sarah. "Sentencing reform." *CQ Researcher*. Vol. 24. No. 2. Jan. 10, 2014. pg. 27-33. (This article discusses mandatory sentencing, which has led to many low-level nonviolent drug offenders to be locked up for long periods, contributing to prison overcrowding and state budget deficits.)

8. Jost, Kenneth. "Racial profiling." *CQ Researcher*. Vol. 23. No. 42. Nov. 22, 2013. pg. 1007-1027. (Are minorities unfairly targeted by police?)

DRUGS & DRUG TESTING

9. Sacco, Lisa N. & Kristin Finklea. "State marijuana legalization initiatives: implications for federal law enforcement." Congressional Research Service. Sept. 9, 2013. pg. 1-22. (This article discusses the options policymakers may choose to amend or affirm federal marijuana policy.) VF: Marijuana.

10. Sen. Ron Grooms, Indiana. "Indiana taking steps to stem 'epidemic' of prescription drug abuse." *Stateline Midwest*. Vol. 22. no. 11. Nov. 2013. pg. 9. (State adds to controls on "pill mills," and launches awareness campaign.)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

11. Bartik, Timothy J. "The future of state and local economic development policy: what if research is needed?" *W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research*. 2012. pg. 1-11. (The author discusses ways to organize state and local economic development policies.) VF: Economic development.

12. Fisher, Peter S. "Corporate taxes and state economic growth." *Iowa Fiscal Partnership*. Jan. 2011. (rev. April 2013) pg. 1-10. (Will lawmakers target benefits to small businesses or across the board?) VF: Economic Development.

13. "Index of state economic momentum." *State Policy Reports*. Vol. 31. Issue 23/24. Dec. 2013. pg. 2-8. (The personal income data in this update show improvement, while the employment data show stagnation.)

EDUCATION

14. Exstrom, Michelle. "Do teachers make the grade?" *State Legislatures*. Vol. 39. No. 10. Dec. 2013. pg. 24-27. (New ways of evaluating teachers recognize the complexity of their job, and may help ensure that only good teachers are teaching.)

15. Tormey, Kate. "Too small to let fail." *Stateline Midwest*. Vol. 22. no. 11. Nov. 2013. pg. 1+. (State support for preschool on the rise as a range of education, economic benefits come into focus.)

16. Anderson, Tim. "North Dakota bucks school finance trends, and reshapes how its K-12 schools are funded." *Stateline Midwest*. Vol. 22. no. 11. Nov. 2013. pg. 3. (Lawmakers in N.D. have taken advantage of the state's remarkable economic ascent to completely remake how K-12 education is funded.)

17. Herold, Benjamin. "Group's model bill aims to protect privacy of student data." *Education Week*. Vol. 33. No. 14. Dec. 11, 2013. pg. 12-13. (ALEC proposes new safeguards in states.)

18. Leachman, Michael & Chris Mai. "Most states funding schools less than before the recession." *Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*. Sept. 12, 2013. pg. 1-11. (States' new budgets are providing less per-pupil funding for K-12 than they did six years ago-often far less.) VF: Education-Finance.

19. "District disruption & revival. school systems reshape to compete-and improve." *Quality Counts*. Supplement. *Education Week*. Vol. 33. No. 16. Jan. 9, 2014. This special report highlights the profound changes many communities are experiencing in the structure and administration of its schools. In this issue:

S4. From tune-up to extreme makeover, school systems integrate changes.

S9. Snapshot: Cape Girardeau Public School District.

S12. Memphis schools on the hot seat amid rival management strategies.

S16. Post-recession fiscal wariness driving careful, painful choices.

S18. Charters add competitive twist to district-governance puzzle.

S20. Vouchers prove wild card for local finances.

S23. In quest to keep enrollment, aid online schools are tough rivals.

S26. State, local officials square off on who calls K-12 policy shots.

S28. Local districts on receiving end of federal largess, headaches.

20. "Is universal preschool a good deal for states?" *State Policy Reports*. Vol. 31. Issue 23/24. Dec. 2013. pg. 8-14. (Should federal legislation be enacted, the new funding from it may be a catalyst for states to create or bolster their early education programs.)

21. Buntin, John. "The fight over school reform." *Governing*. Vol. 27. No. 4. Jan. 2014. pg. 55-59. (As no child left behind ends and common core begins, two education heavyweights face-off over what we've learned and where we've gone wrong.)

EMPLOYERS & EMPLOYEES

22. Schultz, Jennifer. "Giving veterans hiring preference." *Legisbrief*. Vol. 21. No. 46. Dec. 2013. 2 pg. (Forty states, the District of Columbia, Guam and Puerto Rico award preference to veterans in public employment, while four states allow private employers to voluntarily give preference to veterans.) VF: Veterans.

23. Kliewer, Laura. "What is 'ban the box' legislation, and what states have enacted it?" *Stateline Midwest*. Vol. 22. no. 11. Nov. 2013. pg. 5. ("Ban the box" is a nationwide effort to remove inquires about criminal history from employer job applications, and ten states, including Illinois and Minnesota, have enacted it.)

24. Kinney, Kenneth D. "Wrongful termination in violation of public policy: the viability of the 'encouraged acts' exception in Missouri." *UMKC Law Review*. Vol. 81. No. 4. Summer 2013. pg. 967-991. (Missouri's common law contains a narrow exception under which employees may sue employers for wrongful termination in violation of public policy. This exception is known as the public policy exception to the employment at-will doctrine.)

FINANCE & REVENUE

25. "Continuum of state fiscal stress." *State Policy Reports*. Vol. 31. Issue 22. Nov. 2013. pg. 2-7. (SPR gauges state fiscal challenges based on four survey items: 1. Did states have to cut their enacted FY 2013 budgets? 2. Did FY 2013 tax collections meet or exceed expectations? 3. Did states end FY 2013 with balances that equaled or exceeded 5% of general fund expenditures? 4. Did total balances as a percent of spending rise between FY 2012 & 2013?)

HEALTH, WELFARE & SOCIAL SERVICES

26. Winterfield, Amy. "Preventing smoking during pregnancy." *Legisbrief*. Vol. 21. No. 45. Dec. 2013. 2 pg. (Education about pregnancy smoking risks can motivate women to quit.) VF: Healthy lifestyle.

27. "Poverty redefined." *State Policy Reports*. Vol. 31. Issue 20. Oct. 2013. pg. 2-4. (Factors and methods for measuring poverty are discussed in this article.)

28. Cannon, Lou. "A work in progress." *Capitol Journal*. Vol. XXII. No. 2. Jan. 20, 2014. pg. 1-5. (The Obamacare pitfall: health care issues dominate state politics.)

29. Sommers, Benjamin D., et al. "New evidence on the Affordable Care Act: coverage impacts of early Medicaid expansions." *Health Affairs*. Vol. 33. No. 1. Jan. 2014. pg. 78-85. (Since 2010, California, Connecticut, Minnesota, and Washington, D.C. have taken advantage of the law's option to expand coverage earlier to a portion of low-income childless adults. The authors here present new data on these expansions.)

30. Schwartz, Aaron L. & Benjamin D. Sommers. "Moving for Medicaid? recent eligibility expansions did not induce migration from other states." *Health Affairs*. Vol. 33. No. 1. Jan. 2014. pg. 88-94. (The authors here use data from the Current Population Survey to examine the migration patterns of low-income people before and after recent expansions of public insurance in Arizona, Maine, Massachusetts, and New York.)

31. Epstein, Arnold M., et al. "Analysis of early accountable care organizations defines patient, structural, cost, and quality-of-care characteristics." *Health Affairs*. Vol. 33. No. 1. Jan. 2014. pg. 95-102. (In this study, the authors present data on the structural and market characteristics of these early ACO's and compare ACO's patient populations, costs, and quality with those of their non-ACO counterparts at baseline.)

32. Goodwin, Kristine & Jennifer B. Saunders. "Improving children's mental health." *Legisbrief*. Vol. 22. No. 3. Jan. 2014. 2 pg. (Mental health conditions among children are under-treated and on the rise; but only 21% of diagnosed children receive needed treatment.) VF: Mental health.

33. "2014 state of the state. poverty in Missouri." *Missourians to End Poverty Coalition*. 9 pg. (This report exists to identify some of the key issues surrounding poverty in Missouri and identifies some potential solutions to those problems-solutions that could cut poverty significantly in Missouri.) VF: Poverty.

IMMIGRANTS

34. Morse, Ann & Gilberto Soria Mendoza. "Immigration reform and state trends." *Legisbrief*. Vol. 22. No. 4. Jan. 2014. 2 pg. (States have long been partners in immigration: through refugee resettlement programs, in health, education, and other immigrant integration policies: and through voluntary agreements with the federal government to address crime.) VF: Immigration.

INSURANCE

35. Kirchoff, Suzanne M. "Health insurance exchanges: health insurance 'navigators' and in-person assistance." *Congressional Research Service*. Sept. 25, 2013. 29 pg. (This report describes exchange outreach programs, the role of brokers, agents and insurers, and emerging issues regarding consumer outreach assistance.) VF: Insurance-health.

36. Tobler, Laura & Chris Edmonds. "Treating the whole person by integrating care." *Legisbrief*. Vol. 21. No. 47. Dec. 2013. 2 pg. (Most state Medicaid programs are working to coordinate various aspects of patients' health services in order to save money and improve the quality of care.) VF: Medicaid.

PRIVACY

17. Herold, Benjamin. "Group's model bill aims to protect privacy of student data." *Education Week*. Vol. 33. No. 14. Dec. 11, 2013. pg. 12-13. (ALEC proposes new safeguards in states.)

REFERENCE

37. *Uniform State Laws. reference book. 2013/2014*. National Conference on Uniform State Laws. Ref. KF 165.N37. 2013/2014. 154 pgs. (Uniform Law Commissioners directory.)

38. Wooley, David R. & Elizabeth M. Morss. *Clean air handbook. a practical guide to compliance*. 23d edition. Ref. KF 3812.N5545.2013. 1538 pgs. Tables & index. (This reference serves as a point of access and roadmap to the requirements of the federal Clean Air Act.)

39. *Proquest Statistical Abstract of the United States*. Bernan Publishing. Ref. HA.202.U5. 2014. 1025 pgs. (A comprehensive collection of statistics on the social, political, and economic conditions of the United States.)

STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

40. Haggerty, Todd & Erica Michel. "The role of fiscal notes in the legislative process." *Legisbrief*. Vol. 21. No. 48. Dec. 2013. 2 pg. (The most common fiscal note process is to estimate the direct financial impact of legislation.) VF: Legislative process.

41. Maciag, Mike. "Heading for the door." *Governing*. Vol. 27. No. 3. pg. 58-62. (Public employees are reaching retirement age in huge numbers, and before long, a wave of departures will be inevitable.)

TAXATION

42. "Variations in property tax burdens." *State Policy Reports*. Vol. 31. Issue 20. Oct. 2013. pg. 4-7. (Analysis in the variations of property tax burdens in various states.)

43. Harris, Benjamin H. & Brian David Moore. "Residential property taxes in the United States." *Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center*. Nov. 18, 2013. pg. 1-12. (This brief presents an overview of residential property taxes in the United States.) VF: Property tax.

44. Rubin, Marilyn M. & Donald J. Boyd. "New York state business tax credits: analysis and evaluation." report prepared for the *New York State Tax Reform and Fairness Commission*. Nov. 2013. pg. 1-139. (This report provides a review and analysis of the business tax credits provided by NYS as of 2013.) VF: Tax credits.

45. "A tale of two vices." *State Policy Reports*. Vol. 31. Issue 21. Nov. 2013. pg. 1-7. (A recent study by researchers at the University of Michigan's Institute for Research on Labor, Employment, and the Economy examines the various methods by which states regulate the sale of alcohol.)

TRANSPORTATION

46. Hartman, Kristy & Jaime Rall. "Transforming transportation with electricity." *Legisbrief*. Vol. 22. No. 3. Jan. 2014. 2 pg. (Many states are working to increase the use of alternative fuels such as electricity, natural gas and biofuels to diversify the fuel mix, reduce dependency on imported oil, promote economic growth and decrease emissions.) VF: Transportation.