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Acquisitions – May 2014

CAMPAIGNS & ELECTIONS

1. Cannon, Lou. "Voter ID." Capitol Journal. Vol. XXII. No. 15. May 19, 2014. pg. 1-4. (A series of state and federal courts have slowed the steady march toward stricter voter identification requirements. It is still too early to know what impact those legal decisions will have.)

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

2. Brown, Sarah Alice & Anne Teigen. "Roca: a rock for the at-risk." State Legislatures. Vol. 40. No. 5. May 2014. pg. 23-25. (A program in Massachusetts is successfully transforming the lives of the most troubled young men.)

COMMUNICATIONS & MEDIA

3. Greenberg, Pam. "Something to like." Capitol Ideas. Vol. 40. No. 4. April 2014. pg. 16-20. (Social media offers lawmakers a way to keep citizens informed and to share unfiltered perspectives about state issues that are receiving dwindling coverage through more traditional media outlets.)

CORRECTIONS

4. Lawrence, Alison. "Managing corrections costs." National Conference of State Legislatures. Denver, CO. Feb. 2014. 18 pg. (This report examines corrections budget trends, cost-conserving changes to sentencing and corrections policies, actions taken to operate prisons more efficiently, and federal initiatives that provide support and assistance to states.) NCSL. Corrections.

COURTS

5. Leonard, Meghan E. & Joseph V. Ross. "Consensus and cooperation on state supreme courts." State Politics & Policy Quarterly. Vol. 14. No. 1. March 2014. pg. 3-28. (Judicial elections can have a more persistent and meaningful effect on judicial decision making than previously thought.)

6. Anderson, Tim. "Full court pressure." Stateline Midwest. Vol. 23. No. 4. April 2014. pg. 1+. (Recent Supreme Court decision in Kansas is a reminder of the power of judiciary to shape state school funding.)

DRUGS & DRUG TESTING

7. Friedman, Jane. "Treating addiction." CQ Researcher. Vol. 24. No. 17. May 3, 2014. pg. 386-403. (Scientists and doctors are still debating what kind of disease addiction is, and about which treatments work.)

DRUNKEN DRIVING

8. Wines, Lawrence E. DWI Experts and the Science of Chemical Tests. second edition. published by the Missouri Bar. Jefferson City, MO. KFM 8097.8.W5. 2014. (Experts for driving while intoxicated cases come from many disciplines and have various levels of experience, and some caution should be taken when choosing an expert.)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

9. Erickson, Kurt. "TI fed." Illinois Issues. Vol. XI. No. 5. May 2014. pg. 31-33. (Tax Increment Financing districts in Illinois continue to emerge despite concerns.)

10. Tomaka, Laura. "Illinois panel holding hearings on whether tax-break programs for business really help state economy." Stateline Midwest. Vol. 23. No. 4. April 2014. pg. 3. (A series of high-profile requests by companies wanting special tax breaks from Illinois in order to stay in the state have raised questions about whether the state's business incentive programs actually result in job and economic growth.)

11. Ehsen, Rich. "A charged situation." Capitol Journal. Vol. XXII. No. 14. May 12, 2014. pg. 1-5. (Electric car maker Tesla is at the cutting edge of automotive technology. But its direct-to-consumers sales model cuts too close to the bone for some states.)

EDUCATION

12. Wheeler, Charles N. III. "One plan to change school funding shines without pizzaz. Illinois Issues. Vol. XI. No. 5. May 2014. pg. 37-38. (As Illinois General Assembly girds for the final month of its spring session, the spotlight is on a handful of high-profile issues, topped by crafting a budget for the 2015 fiscal year that starts July 1.)

13. Anderson, Tim. "Full court pressure." Stateline Midwest. Vol. 23. No. 4. April 2014. pg. 1+. (Recent Supreme Court decision in Kansas is a reminder of the power of judiciary to shape state school funding.)

14. "Returning 'decision' to school discipline decisions: an analysis of recent, anti-zero tolerance legislation." Washington University Law Review. Vol. 91. No. 3. 2014. pg. 757-784. (This note surveys the harm of zero tolerance policies raised by numerous scholars over the past 15 years and focuses on recent legislative efforts to discourage and eliminate these policies.)

15. Rosen, Anne Farris. "School discipline." CQ Researcher. Vol. 24. No. 18. May 9, 2014. pg. 409-417. (Should zero-tolerance laws be revised?)

16. "Career and technical education: states aligning programs to meet workforce needs." The Progress of Education Reform. Education Commission of the States. Vol. 15. No. 2. April 2014. pg. 1-7. Ref. LA 217.2.P76. (This issue explores recent policy trends intended to expand the number of skilled workers trained to fill high-need labor market shortages.)

EMPLOYERS & EMPLOYEES

17. Mahler, Patten Priestly, et al. "Improving public pensions: balancing competing priorities." Brown Center on Education Policy at Brookings. Feb. 2014. 31 pg. (In this article, the authors lay out clear framework to evaluate proposed reforms to public pension systems with the overarching goal of balancing the sometimes competing interests of public employees and taxpayers.) VF: Public Employment Retirement System.

18. "Many minimum wages." State Policy Reports. Vol. 32. Issue 7. April 2014. pg. 2-5. (Will the federal government increase the minimum wage? While efforts to do so have failed to gather steam, many states have taken action.)

ENVIRONMENT

19. Roberts, Anne. "Waste storage and water safety: lessons from West Virginia and North Carolina." A regional resource from the SLC. Southern Legislative Conference. April 2014. 8 pg. (This SLC regional resource examines spills in West Virginia and North Carolina and the immediate remedial action taken by each state.)

ETHICS

20. Kirsch, Cassandra. "Does punishment fit the crime? State penalties and prosecution for ethics violations." Legisbrief. Vol. 22. No. 14. April 2014. 2 pg. (Although state approaches vary greatly, penalties for ethics violations are addressed in at least three categories: bribery, conflicts of interest and confidential information.) VF: Ethics-Code of.

FINANCE & REVENUE

21. "Old but good news." State Policy Reports. Vol. 32. Issue 7. April 2014. pg. 5-7. (The U.S. Census Bureau recently released state-by-state data on tax collections, and data confirms it was a good year in comparison to the years that preceded.)
22. Fullerton, Don & Christopher Z. Mooney. "It's complicated." Illinois Issues. Vol. XI. No. 5. May 2014. pg. 28-30. (This article takes a look at some of the larger political and economic forces that impinge on public budget-making.)
23. Dadayan, Lucy & Donald J. Boyd. "Personal income tax revenues show significant softening in the fourth quarter of 2013." State Revenue Report. The Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government. April 2014. No. 95. 26 pg. (Preliminary figures for the first quarter of 2014 signal possible declines in income tax collections.)

GAMBLING

24. Griffin, Jonathan. "Online casino gambling." Legisbrief. Vol. 22. No. 17. May 2014. 2 pg. (A brief history and up-to-date action concerning legalizing online casino gambling.) VF: Gambling.

HEALTH, WELFARE & SOCIAL SERVICES

25. Hill, Steven C. et al. "Adults in the income range for The Affordable Care Act's Medicaid Expansion are healthier than Pre-ACA enrollees." Health Affairs. Vol. 33. No. 4. April 2014. pg. 691-699. (The Affordable Care Act has dramatically increased the number of low-income nonelderly adults eligible for Medicaid. Starting in 2014, states can elect to cover individuals and families with modified gross incomes below a threshold of 133% of federal poverty guidelines, with 5% income disregard.)
26. Sommers, Benjamin D. et al. "Medicaid and marketplace eligibility changes will occur often in all states; policy options can ease impact." Health Affairs. Vol. 33. No. 4. April 2014. pg.700-706. (ACA is likely to produce frequent transitions in eligibility for Medicaid & health insurance marketplace coverage for low to middle income adults (churning.) This article provides state-by-state estimates of potential eligibility changes if all states expanded Medicaid under health reform.)
27. "Cracking the code on health-care costs." A report by the State Health Care Cost Containment Commission. The Miller Center. University of Virginia. Jan. 2014. 112 pg. (The opportunity exists to transform how health care is delivered.) VF: Medical care-cost.
28. Tobler, Laura. "Providing health care coverage for former inmates." Legisbrief. Vol. 22. No. 15. May 2014. 2 pg. (Among the challenges people being released from correctional facilities face is not having the resources to obtain the health care services they need to be successful in their communities.) VF: Medical treatment.
29. Winterfield, Amy & Richard Cauchi. "Obesity: progress and challenges." Legisbrief. Vol. 22. No. 18. May 2014. 2 pg. (Obesity-related health care spending continues to grow, with researchers estimating medical costs at \$147 billion annually, including \$7 billion for Medicare prescription drugs.) VF: Obesity.
30. Coughlin, Teresa A., et al. "An estimated \$84.9 billion in uncompensated care was provided in 2013; ACA payment cuts could challenge providers." Health Affairs. Vol. 33. No. 5. May 2014. pg. 807-813. (How levels of uncompensated care and funding for that care will affect specific health care providers remains unclear. It will be essential for federal, state and local policy makers, providers, and consumer advocates to monitor the many changes that will affect the provision of uncompensated care for uninsured people-a group expected to number 30 million in 2017.)
31. Ginn, Jennifer. "Exercising their (private) options." Capitol Ideas. Vol. 57. No. 3. May/June 2014. pg. 12-15. (States following Arkansas' lead in crafting alternatives to Medicaid expansion.)

32. Miller, Debra. "Update on the Affordable Care Act." Capitol Ideas. Vol. 57. No. 3. May/June 2014. pg. 18-21. (This article offers updates on what's going on with regard to health care reform.)

33. "Investing in America's health: a state-by-state look at public health funding and key health facts 2014." Trust for America's Health. Robert Johnson Wood Foundation. May 2014. 36 pg. (In this report, the Trust for America's Health examines public health funding and key health facts in states around the country.) VF: Public Health.

IMMIGRATION

34. Zingher, Joshua N. "The ideological and electoral determinants of laws targeting undocumented migrants in the U.S. states." State Politics & Policy Quarterly. Vol. 14. No. 1. March 2014. pg. 90-117. (The author develops a framework that explains how party ideology, party control of the legislature, and electoral conditions affect the likelihood that a state legislature will adopt policies that increase immigration enforcement.)

INSURANCE

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36. "Governors." Capitol Journal. Vol. XXII. No. 15. May 19, 2014. pg. 9. (Indiana Gov. Mike Pence has unveiled his latest alternative proposal to expanding Medicaid as called for under the federal Affordable Care Act.)

37. Morton, Heather. "Preserving reserves." Capitol Ideas. Vol. 40. No. 4. April 2014. pg. 26-28. (Modernizing life insurance reserve formulas has been challenging for regulators and policymakers.)

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PRIVACY

41. Greenberg, Pam. "Social media privacy laws." Legisbrief. Vol. 22. No. 16. April 2014. 2 pg. (For many employees and employers, the boundary between home and work life is now blurred. Employees use social media sites, computers and mobile devices, whether it's their own, their employers' or both, for work and personal reasons. However, this new culture raises questions about how to balance the privacy concerns of applicants and employees.) VF: Privacy-electronic.

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43. Encyclopedia of Associations. 2014. 3 vol. Gale, Cengage Learning. Ref q AS 22.E5. 2014. (This acclaimed, long-standing series provides detailed information on organizations around the world, published as three individual titles.)

44. State Directory. Spring 2014. Carroll Publishing. Ref q JK 2679.87x. 647 pg. (Complete contact information for over 30,000 key executive, legislative and judicial officials in all 50 states plus the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and the Pacific Territories.)

SCIENTIFIC ISSUES

45. Baker, Beth. "Synthetic biology." CQ Researcher. Vol. 24. No. 16. pg. 361-370. (Scientists, through genetic engineering are manipulating cells to create new life forms for specific purposes-ethics problems?)

STATE & FEDERAL RELATIONS

46. "What the census can't tell you (anymore)." State Policy Reports. Vol. 32. Issue 8. April 2014. pg. 1-9. (The Census Bureau at one time published an annual report that provided a thorough accounting of the major flows of federal funds into states. Federal Funds Information for States allows states to get a good grasp on one component of that report-grant funding-which is detailed here.)

STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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49. "The 2014 Camelot Index." State Policy Reports. Vol. 32. Revised Issue 9. May 2014. pg. 1-17. (The Camelot Index brings together measures of economic vitality, health education, crime, society and government.)

50. Andrews, Angela. "Citizen engagement and legislators: four methods for connecting with constituents." Legisbrief. Vol. 22. No. 20. May 2014. 2 pg. (Citizen engagement is the act of involving citizens in more meaningful and deliberate ways, including thoughtful and civil discussion.) VF: Legislators.

51. Weiss, Suzanne. "Reinventing Michigan." State Legislatures. Vol. 40. No. 5. May 2014. pg. 14-22. (As the nation began descending into economic crisis in early 2008, no state was falling faster or further than Michigan. The extent to which the state has managed to pull itself out of that hole over the past four years has drawn considerable attention.)

52. Wolf, Mark. "Rural legislators dig in." State Legislatures. Vol. 40. No. 5. May 2014. pg. 30-33. (As farming communities dry up, so does their influence in statehouses, pushing rural lawmakers to ask "What's more important than food?")

TAXATION

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TOBACCO

54. Bayless, Robert L. "E-cigarettes prove popular, controversial." LRU. First Reading. Vol. 27. No. 2 March 2014. pg. 1-7. (Illinois General Assembly Legislative Research Unit presents facts on the pros and cons on the use of e-cigarettes.)

TRANSPORTATION

55. Reed, James B. "The growing use of transportation public-private partnerships." Legisbrief. Vol. 22. No. 19. May 2014. 2 pg. (Public-private partnerships, or P3's, are increasingly being used as a way to bridge the financial gap states face as they try to improve roads and bridges with declining revenues.) VF: Transportation.