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Acquisitions – September 2015

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

1. Lyons, Christina L. "Reforming juvenile justice." *CQ Researcher*. Vol. 25. No. 32. Sept. 11, 2015. pg. 745-767. (Efforts to lighten sentencing standards for juveniles and to prepare them to be productive members of society.)

CONSUMERISM

2. Botts, Sherman A. "Mechanics liens." Second edition. The Missouri Bar. Jefferson City, MO. 2015. 110 pg. Includes index. (This second edition continues to cover the step by step procedures for filing and preserving mechanic's liens and discusses recent caselaw and its effect on various components of mechanic's liens.) KFM 7955.5.B6 2015.

COURTS

3. "Survey of Judicial Salaries." National Center for State Courts. Vol. 40. No.1. As of Jan. 1, 2015. 2 pg. ("The Survey of Judicial Salaries," published for nearly 30 years by National Center for State Courts, with the support of state court administrative offices across the U.S., serves as the primary record of compensation for state judicial officers and state court administrators.) VF: Judges.

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CRIME & CRIMINAL JUSTICE

5. Illinois Rep. Elgie Sims. "A new policing standard." *Stateline Midwest*. Vol. 24. No. 8. July/Aug. 2015. pg. 9. (With 'community focused' law enforcement as goal, Illinois lawmakers' bipartisan effort produces sweeping reform bill.)

6. Lyons, Christina L. "Reforming juvenile justice." *CQ Researcher*. Vol. 25. No. 32. Sept. 11, 2015. pg. 745-767. (Efforts to lighten sentencing standards for juveniles and to prepare them to be productive members of society.)

7. Glazer, Sarah. "Prisoners and mental illness." *CQ Researcher*. Vol. 25. No. 11. March 13, 2015. (Are too many with psychiatric problems behind bars?)

EDUCATION

8. "2014 Elementary & Secondary Education Comparative Data Report." Prepared for: Fiscal Affairs and Government Operations Committee. Southern Legislative Conference. Council of State Governments. 69 pg. (The CDR's track a multitude of statistics, revenue sources and appropriations levels in Southern states and serve as a useful tool to legislators and legislative staff as they determine policy priorities, state spending and revenue levels in their own states.) VF: Education-Elementary & Secondary.

9. Webster, Madeleine. "State definitions of college and career readiness." *Legisbrief*. Vol. 23. No. 36. 2 pg. (As the United States works to better prepare its future generations, policymakers are adopting statewide definitions of college and career readiness and determining what indicators best gauge student readiness.)

10. Poppe, Julie & Robyn Lipkowitz. "Preschool is for real." *State Legislatures*. Vol. 41. No. 9. Oct./Nov. 2015. pg. 14-19. (Funding is up, as is enrollment, as states continue to invest in high quality early childhood education to help kids succeed.)

EMPLOYERS & EMPLOYEES

11. Ehsen, Rich. "Growing number of states taking steps to fight gender pay inequity." *Capitol Journal*. Vol. XXIII. No. 27. Sept. 7, 2015. pg. 1-4. (Gender pay advocates have been pushing Congress to pass legislation known as the Paycheck Fairness Act, which would eliminate loopholes in the Equal Pay Act and give women more power to negotiate better salaries throughout their careers, by requiring employers to prove that wage discrepancies between female and male workers are due to legitimate business qualifications and not based on gender.)

12. McAnallen, Katherine. "Sexual orientation in employment discrimination laws." *Legisbrief*. Vol. 23. No. 34. Sept. 2015. 2 pg. (Under debate in some state legislatures is whether to add protections against discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity.) VF: Discrimination in Employment.

13. "CSG's state pathways to prosperity initiative. a framework for state policymakers." Council of State Governments. Aug. 2015. 50 pg. (States can play a key role in workforce development by investing in a range of evidence based strategies-from support for public infrastructure and technological innovation, to the availability of high quality education and training systems for workers.) VF: Workforce Development.

ENVIRONMENT

14. Andersen, Glen & Jocelyn Durkay. "EPA greenhouse gas emission limits: what they mean for state legislatures." *Legisbrief*. Vol. 23. No. 35. Sept. 2015. 2 pg. (Given the major role lawmakers play in shaping state energy systems and creating regulatory frameworks, many are taking action in preparation for the new rules. More than 80 bills and resolutions related to 111(d) regulations were introduced in 31 states in 2015.) VF: Air Pollution.

15. Wooley, David R. & Elizabeth M. Morss. *Clean Air Act Handbook. A Practical Guide to Compliance*. 25th ed. 1099 pg. with index and table of laws and rules. (This is an up to date overview of the Clean Air Act that can be used by air pollution source owners to assist with compliance planning and by state and local governments in their efforts to implement the Act.) Ref KF 3812.C5545 2015.

FINANCE & REVENUE

16. Norcross, Ellen. "Ranking the states by fiscal condition." Mercatus Center. George Mason University. 2015. 65 pg. (Based on FY2013 Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports of the 50 states, this study ranks states' fiscal solvency using 14 metrics that assess whether the states can meet their short term bills and long term obligations. State finances are analyzed according to five dimensions of solvency: cash, budget, long run, service level, and trust fund. These five dimensions are combined to produce an overall ranking of state fiscal solvency.) VF: State Finance & Revenue.

HEALTH, WELFARE & SOCIAL SERVICES

17. Price, Tom. "Doctor shortage." *CQ Researcher*. Vol. 25. No. 30. Aug. 28, 2015. pg. 697-719. (Is the nation training enough physicians?)

18. Glazer, Sarah. "Prisoners and mental illness." *CQ Researcher*. Vol. 25. No. 11. March 13, 2015. (Are too many with psychiatric problems behind bars?)

19. Blackman, Kate & Samantha Scotti. "Incorporating community health workers into state health care systems: options for policymakers." NCSL. Aug. 2015. 11 pg. (Recent efforts to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the public and private health care systems have increased state and federal policymakers' attention on community health workers; health care payers and providers, including Medicaid, often partner with these workers.) VF: Health Manpower.

20. Roebuck, M. Christopher, et al. "Increased use of prescriptions drugs reduces medical costs in Medicaid populations." *Health Affairs*. Vol. 34. No. 9. pg. 1586-1593. (Policy makers evaluating proposed changes that alter medication use among the nearly 70 million Medicaid recipients should consider the net effects on program spending to ensure that scarce federal and state health care dollars are allocated efficiently.)

INSURANCE

21. "Significant provisions of state unemployment insurance laws effective July 2015." U.S. Dept. of Labor. Unemployment and Trading Administration. 3 pg. (State Law Information. Comparison of State UI Laws. 2015.) VF: Insurance-Unemployment.

22. Helmchen, Lorens A., et al. "Health savings accounts: growth concentrated among high income households and large employers." *Health Affairs*. Vol. 34. No. 9. pg. 1594-1597. (Between 2005 and 2012, the share of employers whose employees had health savings accounts and the share of employees working at these employers grew more than tenfold. High income and older tax filers both established HSA's and fully funded their HSA's at least four times as often as did low income and younger filers.)

MISSOURI HISTORY

23. McCaskill, Claire, with Terry Ganey. *Plenty ladylike*. Simon & Schuster, New York, NY. 2015. 260 pg. Includes bibliographic references and index. (The female senator from Missouri shares her inspiring story of embracing her ambition, surviving sexist slings, making a family, losing a husband, outsmarting her enemies—and finding joy along the way.) E 176.M125 2015.

24. Smith, Jeff. *Mr. Smith goes to prison : what my year behind bars taught me about America's prison crisis*. St. Martin's Press, New York, NY. 2015. 272 pg. (In *Mr. Smith Goes to Prison*, Jeff Smith traces the cracks in America's prison walls, exposing the shortcomings of a racially based cycle of poverty and crime. He offers practical solutions regarding the reforming of the prison system.) HV 9468.S655 A3 2015.

25. *The Ozarks in Missouri history : discoveries in an American region*. edited by Lynn Morrow. University of Missouri Press, Columbia, MO. 2013. 305 pg. Includes bibliographic references and index. (Interest in scholarly study of the Ozarks has grown steadily in recent years. This collection gathers fifteen essays, that originally appeared in the *Missouri Historical Review*, the journal of the State Historical Society.) F 472.09 O93 2013

26. *The St. Louis African American community and the Exodusters.* University of Missouri Press, Columbia, MO. 2007. 178 pg. Includes bibliographical references and index. (In the aftermath of the Civil War, thousands of former slaves made their way from the South to the Kansas plains. Called “Exodusters,” they were searching for their own promised land. Bryan Jack now tells the story of this American exodus as it played out in St. Louis, a key stop in the journey west.) F 474.S29 N437 2007.

REFERENCE

27. *Federal Labor Laws 2015.* Thomson Reuters. 1773 pg. + index. (This pamphlet provides the complete text of the federal labor law included in Title 29, Labor, as well as related major federal labor legislation affecting industrial activities, economic relations, employment opportunities, and federal contracts.) Ref KF 3305.99.U56. 2015.

28. *2015 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

29. "Budget processes in the states." National Association of State Budget Officers. Spring 2015. 152 pg. (This publication is widely used and cited by state budget offices, academic researchers, and others interested in the state budget process and variations across state governments. This edition is divided into six sections:

Budget timeline and participants: This section outlines the budget cycle calendar followed by states, provides detailed information about the functions and staffing of budget offices, and describes states' revenue estimating processes.

Requirements, authorities and limitations: This section focuses on the budgetary powers of the executive branch, as well as the state laws and regulations that govern and restrict state budgets, including balanced budget requirements, debt limits and tax and expenditure limits.

Budget approach, procedures and tools: This section examines the different budget methodologies used by states and which funds are subject to appropriation. It also provides detailed information on state rainy day funds and disaster funds, how states treat surpluses and unspent appropriations, and the use of integrated financial management systems by states.

The budget document: This section looks at how the executive budget proposal and other key documents in the budget process are presented.

Monitoring the budget: This section provides information on how state budget offices and other participants monitor and control expenditures, transfer appropriated funds, and forecast future operating expenditures.

Performance management and spending transparency: This section shares details on how states collect, report and use performance data, state spending transparency websites, and statewide management initiatives.) Ref HJ 275.B83 2002/2014.

STATE & FEDERAL RELATIONS

30. "Federal spending traceable to states." *State Policy Reports*. Vol. 33. Joint Issue 15-16. Aug. 2015. pg. 2-17. (This issue provides a summary of detail released by The Pew Charitable Trusts, which has cataloged federal spending by state from FY 2004-FY 2013. Pew's analysis fills a void left by the discontinuation of the *Consolidated Federal Funds Report*, a Census Bureau publication that last reported data for FY 2010.)

31. Griffin, Jonathan. "The legality of fantasy sports." *Legisbrief*. Vol. 23. No. 33. Sept. 2015. 2 pg. (This brief examines the legal questions and actions surrounding daily fantasy sports.) VF: Gambling.

STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

32. Munnell, Alicia H. & Jean-Pierre Aubry. "The funding of state and local pensions: 2014-2018." Center for Retirement Research at Boston College. No. 45. June 2015. 13 pg. (This five section brief focuses on the data used in plans' actuarial valuations because they provide the basis for historical comparisons and for funding decisions.) VF: Public Employee Retirement.

33. Donaldson, Gary. "Prioritizing capital improvement planning." *Government Finance Review*. Vol. 31. No. 4. Aug. 2014. pg. 18-22. (Governments can prioritize capital projects in a cost effective and efficient manner; the examples and exhibits discussed in this article can be implemented in a relatively quick and expedient timeframe to help governments in deliberating and revising their capital programs.)

34. Watkins, J. Ben & Nora Wittstruck. "P3s: an infrastructure development tool to evaluate with caution." *Government Finance Review*. Vol. 31. No. 4. Aug. 2014. pg. 32-36. (P3's -Public private partnerships-provide an alternative tool that government entities may choose to consider.)

TOBACCO

35. "The Tax Burden on Tobacco." Historical Compilation. Produced by Orzechowski and Walker. Vol. 49, 2014. 376 pg. (The 65th annual compendium on tobacco revenue and industry statistics.) VF: Tobacco.

TRANSPORTATION

36. Pula, Kevin. "On the road again." *State Legislatures*. Vol. 41. No. 9. Oct./Nov. 2015. pg. 20-21. (States take the wheel on transportation funding as Congress sputters along.)

WOMEN & MINORITIES

37. Ehisen, Rich. "Growing number of states taking steps to fight gender pay inequity." *Capitol Journal*. Vol. XXIII. No. 27. Sept. 7, 2015. pg. 1-4. (Gender pay advocates have been pushing Congress to pass legislation known as the Paycheck Fairness Act, which would eliminate loopholes in the Equal Pay Act and give women more power to negotiate better salaries throughout their careers, by requiring employers to prove that wage discrepancies between female and male workers are due to legitimate business qualifications and not based on gender.)