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


COURTS


CRIME & CRIMINAL JUSTICE


EDUCATION

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. 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.)


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


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


22. Helmchen, Loren 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


**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.


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


STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT


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.)


TOBACCO


TRANSPORTATION


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.)