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Cybersecurity Up for Discussion in Nashville

Last week, the U.S. Senate passed the highly controversial Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act of 2015, designed to allow companies that are hit by a hacker to share information with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. To help state leaders better understand how states are addressing cybersecurity, CSG will host a conversation with cybersecurity experts during the **Intergovernmental Affairs Committee** meeting Saturday, Dec. 12 from 2:30-5 p.m. as part of the CSG National Conference in Nashville, Tenn.
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Taking Advantage of the Trans-Pacific Partnership

The U.S. recently concluded a free trade agreement with 11 countries along the Pacific Rim. It's the largest and most ambitious free trade agreement of its kind and is estimated to generate thousands of new jobs in America. To help state leaders better understand how to help their small businesses export goods and services to the newly expanded TPP markets, CSG will host a session on the Trans-Pacific Partnership in conjunction with the 2015 CSG National Conference in Nashville, Tenn.
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Esri's GIS platform--ArcGIS--allows users to discover, use, make and share data through maps from any device, anywhere, anytime. Learn about how the U.S. Senate and House

States Moving to Regulate and Tax E-cigarettes

During its state budget debate in 2015, Louisiana turned to a relatively new sin tax. It joined North Carolina and Minnesota and added taxes on e-cigarettes to its revenue sources. Legislators from these three states will join a panel discussion on taxation and regulation of e-cigarettes during a **policy workshop** from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Dec. 12, at the 2015 CSG National Conference in Nashville, Tenn. An official from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration will address proposed federal regulations on e-cigarettes.
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Federalism and the U.S. Judicial System

The American judicial system is complicated. In this free CSG eCademy webcast Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 2 p.m. EST, Lisa Soronen, executive director of the State and Local Legal Center, and Paul Clement, former U.S. solicitor general who has argued more than 75 cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, will explain the basics of how our court system works. The webcast serves as a prelude to the **Civics Education in the States** session at 10 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 12, at the 2015 CSG National Conference.
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Aging Out of Foster Care

According to the Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative, 26,000 kids age out of the foster care system each year--and it comes with a big cost. Kids who leave foster

of Representatives are improving their workflows by using ArcGIS to create and share maps in the cloud. Presented by Esri Inc., this session will focus on how state legislators can use GIS tools to easily visualize trends among their constituents, communicate with the public, and better prepare, understand and defend the impact of policy.

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care without a permanent family are less likely to graduate from high school or college and more likely to end up homeless. Young women who age out of foster care are more likely to become pregnant before age 21. This ends up costing society an additional \$8 billion for each cohort that leaves foster care. **The Aging Out of Foster Care** session, Friday, Dec. 11, at the 2015 CSG National Conference in Nashville will highlight innovative measures states are taking to protect children as they approach an end to foster care assistance.

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Hotel Room Block and Early Registration Deadline Extended!

The deadline to reserve your room in the CSG room block at the Omni Hotel and to register for the conference at the discounted registration rate has been extended to Nov. 16. Don't miss out on your opportunity to attend one of the premier conferences for state government officials across the nation, Dec. 10-13 in Nashville, Tenn.! To register for the conference and reserve your room at the Omni Hotel in Nashville, visit the 2015 CSG National Conference website.

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Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2 p.m. EST
FREE CSG eCademy Webcast
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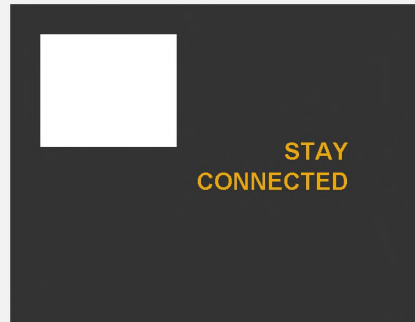
State Strategies for Shaping Effective Teacher Preparation Programs

Thursday, Nov. 19, 2 p.m. EST
Presented by CSG South/Southern Legislative Conference

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