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#### **CSG Delegation Discusses Regional and Local Policy in China**

On Sept. 2-8, a CSG-sponsored delegation of state leaders visited China to discuss regional policy issues and learn about bilateral relations. Over the course of the six-day trip, the delegation met with Chinese officials from the provincial and local levels in Beijing, Jinan and Shanghai.

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#### **Law Enforcement by the Numbers**

With increased efforts to adopt data-driven approaches to improve policing, states and localities now gather and analyze all kinds of information about law enforcement. But the ability to gather data, alone, isn't a panacea, argue CSG Senior Fellows Katherine Barrett and Richard Greene.

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#### **State Laws on Autonomous Vehicles**

Since 2011, eight states and the District of Columbia have enacted state policies dealing with the testing and/or operation of autonomous vehicles. Those policies and other state initiatives have enabled a variety

#### **Creating Trust in Government Through Civics Education**

How can state leaders build the public's confidence in government if the citizenry doesn't understand how state government works? Although traditionally schools have

of autonomous technology testing activities around the country. With guidance to states from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration expected this month and a number of states on the verge of enacting additional legislation, 2017 could be a big year for autonomous vehicles.

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taught students about the federal level of government, students learn little about the policies, politics and management of states and localities. Fortunately, there's a growing civics education movement to expand students' understanding about the entities that most closely touch their lives. Tune in Wednesday, Sept. 21, at 2 p.m. EDT for a FREE CSG eCademy webcast that will explore the challenges and benefits of civics education both inside and outside the classroom.

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#### **Federal Government Awards Grants to Help States Fight Opioid Epidemic**

On Aug. 31, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced that 44 states and the District of Columbia, as well as four tribes, will receive one or more grants to fight the growing opioid epidemic from a total of \$53 million awarded. To put the extent of the problem in perspective, many advocates often cite the fact that the numbers of persons dying from drug overdoses (more than half of which are opioids, either prescription or heroin) now exceeds deaths from vehicle crashes.

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#### **Coloradans to Vote on End-of-Life Options**

Voters in Colorado will face a choice on the ballot this November regarding medical aid in dying for the terminally ill. The Colorado End of Life Options Act, or Initiative 145, is a proposal that would allow physicians to prescribe life-ending medications to adult Colorado residents who have a terminal illness with a prognosis of six months to live or less. If Colorado passes this proposal, it will become the sixth state to adopt such a measure, following Oregon, Washington, Montana, Vermont and California.

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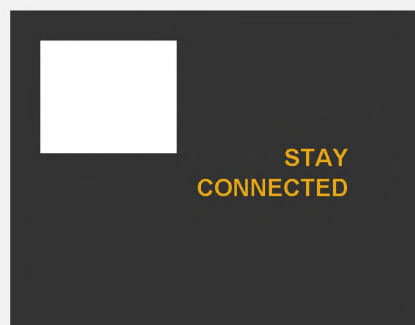
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