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#### **Getting Rid of Regulations: How Can It Be Done?**

President Donald J. Trump has stated repeatedly that one of the goals of his new administration is to get rid of federal regulations. Despite the fact that the new administration has a menu of options to kill final federal regulations, the most effective options are likely the most difficult to achieve.

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#### **Baby Boomer Exodus**

More than a decade ago, analysts were predicting the mass retirement of baby boomers, but when the Great Recession hit, many baby boomers stayed put. Now that the economy is recovering, many are resuming their retirement plans—not only because the economy improved, but also because of changes states are implementing in their retirement systems.

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## **States to Watch in 2017: Transportation Funding**

While the number of states exploring transportation funding options in 2016 was down from 2015's record pace, 2017 could see significant activity. Several states had special task forces in place in 2016 to discuss funding options, while others have targeted 2017 as the year for action or are completing unfinished business from years past. During this annual CSG eCademy webinar, we'll hear from transportation experts and statehouse and transportation beat reporters about what could lie ahead in 2017 legislative sessions across the country.

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## **Employment Supports for People with Disabilities**

People with disabilities are a major contributing group to the workforce. However, the unemployment rate for those with disabilities is about twice as high as the unemployment rate of the general population. This high rate of unemployment could be reduced by taking the proper steps to provide workers with disabilities the appropriate accommodations to allow them to be successful in the workplace.

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## **Aging Demographics**

There are now more Americans age 65 and older than ever before. About 1 in 7 people (15 percent) in the U.S. is now considered to be an "older American" or someone over the age of 65. Compare that to just 4.1 percent of the population in 1900 or 10 percent in 1970--and that figure will continue to increase in the decades to come.

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## **Report: Public Pension Plans Making Riskier Investment Choices**

Are public pension plans trading off long-term stability for a less hair-raising sticker price for state governments today? A new report from the Rockefeller Institute of Government answers that question and takes a closer look at the difficult choices those running public pension funds have had to make over the last three decades, and what those choices mean for the future fiscal stability of states.

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## **States to Watch in 2017: Transportation Funding**

Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2 p.m. EST  
FREE CSG eCademy webinar  
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## **Long-Term Care: Challenges and Solutions for States**

Thursday, Feb. 16, 2 p.m. EST

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The CSG Shared State Legislation, or SSL, Committee will convene during the CSG Spring Business Meeting, April 20-23 in Lexington, Kentucky, where it will consider a docket of proposed state legislation for inclusion in the SSL volume. All CSG members are encouraged to submit legislation for the docket. To be eligible, the legislation must have been enacted in at least one state and address a current state issue of national or regional significance; provide a benefit to bill drafters; and provide clear, innovative and practical structure and approach. To submit a bill for consideration, please send the relevant information to [ssl@csg.org](mailto:ssl@csg.org) by Feb. 24.

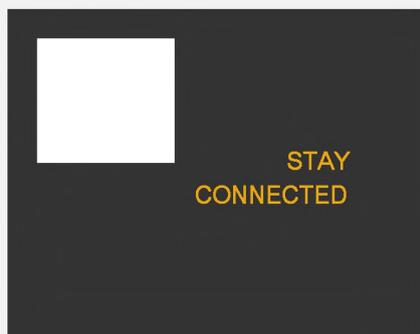
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