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States Work to Prevent a Top Cause of Death Among Youth

Suicide rates are climbing in the United States--a recent study showed the age-adjusted rate increased 24 percent from 1999 to 2014--and suicide is among the leading causes of death for young people. Many state leaders are working to end the suicide trend by adopting training requirements for schoolteachers.

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State CIOs, Technology Trends and the Forces of Change

The state government information technology--or IT--landscape continues to evolve and respond to significant changes reflecting demands of citizens, evolving business models, emerging technologies and the faster paced, more complex environment faced by state chief information officers. Doug Robinson of the National Association of State Chief Information Officers explores several forces of change for state CIOs.

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Infrastructure Funding, Innovations Top D.C. Policy Academy

While there may be a long-term federal surface transportation bill in place and while many states have been addressing their own transportation needs in recent years, there is still much work left to do and a variety of key questions to answer on the horizon. That was the message from speakers at the 6th annual CSG Transportation Leaders Policy Academy held May 18-20 in Washington, D. C.

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Governor's Initiative Aims to Improve Endangered Species Act

During a recent CSG eCademy webcast, "Improving Species Conservation in the West," Wyoming Gov. Matt Mead said the Endangered Species Act needs revision because the finish line--recovering species and removing them from the endangered species list--is often unreachable for states. Mead is leading an initiative, as chairman of the Western Governors' Association, to improve the Endangered Species Act and species conservation efforts.

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Judging by the Numbers: Judicial Seats on State Courts of Last Resort

Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey signed legislation on May 18 that will allow him to name two new justices to the Arizona Supreme Court, bringing the number of justices to seven from the current five-member court. How does the number of justices on the Arizona Supreme Court compare to courts of last resort in other states? Here's a state-by-state look at the number of judicial seats on state courts of last resort from *The Book of the States 2015*.

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Teen Pregnancy Rates Hit New Lows

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced in May 2016 that teen pregnancies were at an all-time low. The national rate has fallen to 25.4 pregnancies per 1,000 females, ages 15-19, for the years 2013-2014. Just 20 years ago, the national teen pregnancy rate was more than 100 pregnancies per 1,000 females, ages 15-19. But the rates vary from state to state, ranging from 41.5 per 1,000 in Arkansas to 11.3 per 1,000 in Massachusetts.

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William & Mary Law Launches eBenchbook to Help Judges

William & Mary Law School's Election Law Program launched the "State Election Law eBenchbook" to aid judges in navigating election codes around the country. The eBenchbook, a collaboration between the Law School and the National Center for State Courts funded by the Democracy Fund, was designed to solve the problem of judges facing nearly twice as many election law disputes annually as compared to just 15 years ago.

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CSG West to Host 69th Annual Meeting

CSG West will host its 69th Annual Meeting, Sept. 6-9, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. The CSG West Annual Meeting provides legislators and legislative staff from the 13 Western member states and the Canadian provinces of Alberta and British Columbia with unparalleled opportunities to share their experiences and learn from regional/national experts and insightful leaders. All policy committees, task forces and leadership convene during the Annual Meeting. Register by Aug. 3 to take advantage of early registration rates.

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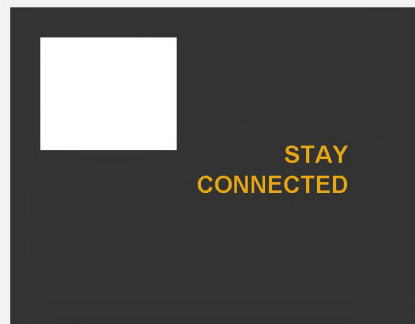
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