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### **States Explore Net Metering Reforms for Solar Customers**

On Dec. 23, 2015, the Nevada Public Utilities Commission, or PUC, set new rules for net metering, placing Nevada at ground zero of the nationwide debate regarding the appropriate pricing scheme for rooftop solar. While the state had previously allowed rooftop solar customers who sold power back to the electric grid to be compensated at the retail rate of electricity, the new PUC decision pays net metering customers a lower rate for power they produce and requires a higher fixed charge.

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### **Risk and Needs Assessment & Race in the Criminal Justice System**

In today's world, it is impossible to talk about the justice system without talking about race. In fact, with several high-profile incidents involving violent contact between law enforcement officers and minority residents, so much of today's conversation about justice policy and practice seems to focus specifically on race. CSG Justice Center staff explore racial disparity—and how to prevent racial bias—in the context of criminal risk and needs assessment.

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## **The Child Care Dilemma: An Overview**

Affordable, high-quality and accessible child care is a challenge for many American families. CSG examines the balancing act familiar to many families in the United States—managing work and child care—and how states are working in conjunction with the federal government to improve the process for all families with young children.

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## **Rideshare Companies & Insurance: 2016 Developments & What's Ahead for 2017**

It has been a busy year on a number of fronts for rideshare companies such as Uber and Lyft. On Oct. 18, CSG and The Griffith Insurance Education Foundation will host the latest in a series of nonpartisan, non-advocative webinars looking at the insurance and regulatory issues impacting the rideshare industry. Tune in for a review of developments this year and a look ahead to the rideshare issues that face state policymakers in 2017.

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## **State Tax Revenues Grow for the Fifth Consecutive Year**

According to newly released data from the U. S. Census Bureau's 2015 Annual Survey of State Government Tax Collections, state government tax revenue increased 4.8 percent from fiscal year 2014 to fiscal year 2015—growing from \$875 billion to \$916.5 billion. It's the fifth consecutive year states have seen their tax revenue grow.

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## **New Jersey Lawmakers Approve Gas Tax Increase**

New Jersey's Democrat-led Legislature approved a 23-cent gas tax increase last week after lawmakers struck a \$16 billion, eight-year deal with Republican Gov. Chris Christie that will also reduce the sales tax and eliminate the estate tax in the state. The deal will allow stalled transportation projects to resume after Christie halted all but the most essential ones in July as the state's transportation trust fund ran out of money and expired.

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## **Risk Management Insurance Fundamentals: Insurance Regulation and Legislation**

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## **Early Reg, Hotel Cutoff Approaching for 2016 CSG National Conference**

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