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Arkansas Proposes Big Change to Higher Education Funding

On July 29, Gov. Asa Hutchinson of Arkansas unveiled a new performance-based funding model for higher education that will go before the Legislature in 2017. Most states have some element of performance incorporated into funding formulas. If the proposal is passed, Arkansas would become the fifth state to have a funding formula based exclusively on outcomes.

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Health Impact Assessments Inform State Policymaking

The phrase "evidence-based" has become ubiquitous in state government circles, but until recently that work has not applied to health. CSG Senior Fellows Katherine Barrett and Richard Greene explore how some states are incorporating health impact assessments to measure the implications of policies and programs to the health of state residents.

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State Department Calls for State Input in U.S. Human Rights Review

To paraphrase former first lady and the first U.S. permanent representative to the United Nations, Eleanor Roosevelt, human rights begin in small places, close to home. In that spirit, the U.S. State Department shares important information about the Universal Periodic Review, a major international human rights mechanism in which every U.N. member state participates, and invites state government officials to participate in the process.

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Autonomous Vehicles & Insurance: Public Policy Considerations Ahead

Technological innovation enabling autonomous vehicles is advancing rapidly. These advancements are likely to disrupt traditional automobile insurance models in the very near future. A FREE non-partisan and non-advocative eCademy webcast on Aug. 23, presented in partnership with the Griffith Insurance Education Foundation, will examine how autonomous vehicle technology works; its likely evolution and impact on insurance models and products; and how policymakers can address the myriad questions and challenges the technology presents.

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State Jobs Report: May 2016

In May 2016, most states--44--saw nonfarm payroll employment grow over the previous year. Employment in five states--Florida, Idaho, Oregon, Utah and Washington--grew by more than 3 percent. In six states--Alaska, Kansas, Louisiana, North Dakota, Oklahoma and Wyoming--year-over-year employment declined. Across all states and the District of Columbia, employment grew by 2.4 million, or 1.7 percent, from May 2015 to May 2016.

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Women in State Government, 2016

With Hillary Clinton as the first female presidential nominee from a major party, it is noteworthy that women are still underrepresented in state government leadership positions. In 2016, women make up less than one-quarter of state legislators and statewide elected executive officers, and less than one-third of all state court judges. Only the number of female state judges has seen significant increases in recent years.

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Coloradans Will Battle for Environmental Issues in November

Since April, environmental groups in Colorado have been working to gather signatures for two statewide initiatives that would amend the state constitution to increase regulatory control on energy industries. Coloradans Resisting Extreme Energy Development submitted two measures, Initiatives 75 and 78, that would grant local governments the authority to regulate energy industry development and establish that facilities be at least 2,500 feet from an occupied structure.

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CSG SSL Committee Requests Legislative Submissions

The CSG Shared State Legislation, or SSL, Committee will hold its next meeting as part of the 2016 CSG National Conference in Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia, Dec. 8-11. 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 by Sept. 23.

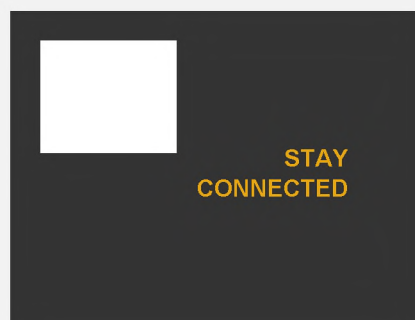
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