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Takeaways for States on President Trump's First 100 Days

The first 100 days of a new presidential administration have been used for decades to measure success. Scholars, journalists and even leaders within the administration often pause after this mark to reflect on campaign promises, weighing the president's victories and shortfalls. Here, The Council of State Governments' policy experts share key insights for states following President Donald J. Trump's first 100 days in office.

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States Weigh the Price of Financial Incentives for Business Development

This year, state leaders will have the opportunity to better evaluate the efficacy of tax incentives designed to attract, expand and retain business activity in their states with the implementation of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's Statement 77, or GASB 77, which for the first time requires state and local governments to disclose in their financial statements how much revenue was lost to tax abatements for economic development.

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Puerto Rican Leaders Warn of Looming 'Medicaid Cliff' and Potential Migration Crisis

As Congress continues to work on policy reforms to the Affordable Care Act, policy leaders in Puerto Rico are preparing for a possible health care crisis from the rapid reduction in federal funding for their health care programs, referred to as the "Medicaid cliff." Puerto Rican officials warn the potential crisis could create a substantial economic burden for other states, and for the federal government.

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The Legal Landscape of Public Employee Pension Reform

In a recent CSG eCademy webinar titled, The Legal Landscape of Public Employee Pension Reform, Dr. Sasha Volokh, an associate professor of law at Emory University and adjunct scholar for the Reason Foundation, offered a summary of legal issues around public employee pension reform in layman's terms with a focus on constitutional concerns. He discussed constitutional contracts law, whether public-employee pensions are considered contracts, state constitutional protections and how courts have ruled on contractual obligations.

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Federal Voting Assistance Program Redesigns Absentee Voting Forms

The voting rights of the millions of U.S. citizens living overseas, including service members and their eligible family, are protected by the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act. The Federal Post Card Application and the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot make the voting process easier for these individuals. The Council of State Governments' Overseas Voting Initiative worked with the Federal Voting Assistance Program to redesign the forms in preparation for the 2018 election cycle.

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Repealing the ACA: Potential Effects on Medicaid

With the ACA's future clouded in uncertainty, many states face concerns regarding the sustainability of their Medicaid programs. If changes to the current federal match rate of the Medicaid expansion occur, states will most likely be required to make changes to their Medicaid programs because of their heavy reliance on federal funding.

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The Hunger-Free Students' Bill of Rights Act

As a student, New Mexico state Sen. Michael Padilla had to mop floors, clean tables and set up chairs in order to receive his school lunch. This type of "lunch shaming" is what New Mexico's Hunger Free Students' Bill of Rights Act seeks to eliminate from public schools. The bill requires schools to work with parents to pay lunch debts and register students for free and reduced price lunches.

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Civics Education Leadership Team Convenes in Lexington, Kentucky

The Civics Education Leadership Team, an initiative of CSG and the National Center for Learning & Civic Engagement, is convening in Lexington, Kentucky on May 1-2. The team will discuss strategies to promote civics education and federalism in the states as well as identify components of their state civics education toolkit. The toolkit will include policy tools for state leaders to identify gaps in service and education, draft legislation, and implement or strengthen civic education deliverables in their state.

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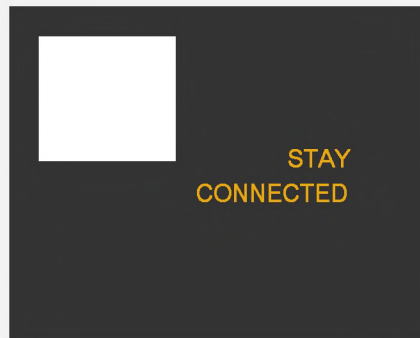
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