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CSG-Griffith Forums Bring Light to Rideshare Insurance Concerns

Ohio and Massachusetts are expected to consider legislation this fall aimed at regulating rideshare services such as Uber and Lyft. CSG has partnered with the Griffith Insurance Education Foundation to provide academic, non-partisan seminars in both states for state policymakers and staff, including one taking place today at the Massachusetts State House in Boston.

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The Future of Career Technical Education

It has almost become cliché to say it is an exciting time for career technical education, or CTE, but only because it continues to be true. Support for career technical education has grown exponentially over the past few years, with policymakers at all levels working to advance opportunities for students to engage in CTE and strengthen the links between career technical education and the labor market.

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President Proposes Increasing Overtime Pay for Salaried Workers

Nearly 5 million white collar workers who make more than \$23,660 a year are not eligible for overtime pay. But under a proposal by President Obama, this would soon change. Obama hopes to double the current salary threshold for overtime pay for salaried workers by 2016.

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Experts Discuss Voting Tools That Reach Overseas

During a recent eCademy webcast, "Policy Recommendations to Improve Military and Overseas Voting," members of the CSG Overseas Voting Initiative Policy Working Group discussed tools that improve the voting process for U.S. military members and civilians who are overseas.

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Health Insurance Coverage Increased in All 50 States in 2014

State uninsured rates in 2014 ranged from a low of 3.3 percent in Massachusetts to a high of 19.1 percent in Texas. From 2013 to 2014, the uninsured rate fell in all 50 states, with Kentucky seeing the biggest gains—a drop of 5.8 percentage points.

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Texas Program to Offer Free Year of College to Certain Students

With eight campuses and more than 80,000 students, the Texas State University System has devised an innovative strategy to make college more affordable for its students. Starting next fall, nontraditional students will be encouraged to take free massive open online courses before stepping on campus and earn college credit for up to a year if they pass related exit exams.

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Governors Salaries, 2015

CSG has been collecting data on governors' salaries for "The Book of the States" since 1937. The average governor's salary grew more slowly during and after the Great Recession, with many states instituting a ban on cost-of-living adjustments; however, as the economic and fiscal health of states has improved, the annual increases normally seen in executive branch pay are returning to a more historically customary level.

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The 2015 Book of the States Now Available Online

The 2015 edition of CSG's flagship publication, "The Book of the States," is now available online. This year's volume includes 150 in-depth tables, charts and figures illustrating state government operations, as well as 29 articles from state leaders, noted scholars and CSG policy experts on topics such as aligning postsecondary education with workforce needs, state finances, environmental bills of rights in state constitutions and the legality (or illegality) of ballot selfies in voting booths.

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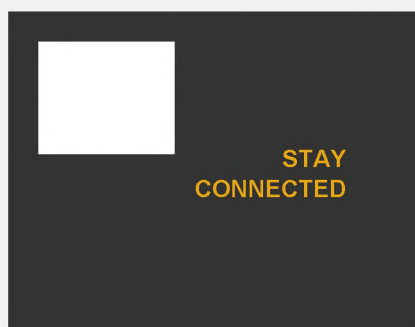
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