

Current Articles & Research Resources, November 1

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In this weekly post, we feature helpful research tools and recent articles of interest to the legislative community.

- Read about a newly-released [hate crimes](#) website. (U.S. Department of Justice, October 29, 2018)
- Consider legal issues related to [bike lanes](#). (Outside Online, October 27, 2018)
- Track weekly [flu](#) activity. (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, accessed October 31, 2018)
- Explore charts related to various sectors of the Texas and United States [economies](#). (Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, accessed October 31, 2018)

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- "A new way to work." By Mke Cronin. *Austin Business Journal*, October 26, 2018, pp. 4-6.
Explains how professionals in several industries, including manufacturing and health care, could be doing business differently once a 5G wireless network is established in Austin.
- "Leaving bench marks." By Henry Gass. *Christian Science Monitor*, October 22, 2018, pp. 24-30.
Examines whether judges' personal views can be separated from their legal rulings. Highlights the case of Arkansas Judge Wendell Griffen and his personal anti-death penalty beliefs.
- "It's been 2 years since scandal erupted at Baylor: Yet the allegations continue." By Sarah Brown. *Chronicle of Higher Education*, October 12, 2018, pp. A18-A19.
Summarizes the latest developments in the Baylor sexual assault scandal, including serious allegations against former regent chair, Richard Willis, and a letter from the NCAA providing notice of wrongdoing.
- "All the president's men and women." By Rob Boston. *Church & State*, October 2018, pp. 9-11.
Claims the president's Evangelical Advisory Board, which plays a significant role in administrative policies, is not in compliance with the *Federal Advisory Committee Act* [FACA]. Explains FACA requirements for presidential advisory committees.
- "American shale oil: Peering into the Permian." *Economist*, October 20th-26th, 2018, pp. 57-59.
Examines whether the American shale industry can deliver both profits and production. Notes that despite its growth, the industry still faces constraints — bottlenecks in the pipeline infrastructure, a long-term labor shortage, and rising equipment costs due to tariffs on steel imports.
- "The world economy: The next recession." *Economist*, October 13th, 2018, pp. 3-12.
Suggests a toxic political environment and constrained central banks will present the greatest stumbling blocks to managing a new global downturn.
- "State strategies to meet the needs of young children and families affected by the opioid crisis." By Becky Normile, Carrie Hanlon, and Hannah Eichner. *Internet Resource*, September 2018, pp. 1-18.
Explores strategies used by child-serving agencies in Kentucky, New Hampshire, and Virginia to respond to the opioid epidemic. Offers information about funding sources and key considerations for states working to improve services for families affected by opioid use disorder.
- "Regulating gene-edited crops." By Jennifer Kuzma. *Issues in Science and Technology*, Fall 2018, pp. 80-85.
Explores policy implications of the second generation of genetically modified crops.
- "Year of the strike." By Frederick M. Hess. *National Review*, October 29, 2018, pp. 20-22.
Highlights recent teacher strikes and advocates for higher pay for talented teachers. Proposes paying for pay increases by trimming bureaucracy, overhauling benefits and getting pension funds on a solvent path.
- "School colors." By Hua Hsu. *New Yorker*, October 15, 2018, pp. 48-56, 58-59.
Discusses the current affirmative action case alleging discrimination against Asian Americans by Harvard University. Profiles the involvement of Texan Edward Blum and includes a history of affirmative action policies.
- "Broadband gap — rocket science?: Ending the disparity." By Steve Goodman. *Public Utilities Fortnightly*, October 2018, pp. 80-81.
Identifies issues regarding disparity in broadband deployment, particularly in rural areas. Discusses ways the Federal Communications Commission [FCC] is trying to address this problem. Related information at: <https://www.fcc.gov/5G> and <https://www.fcc.gov/reports-research/reports/broadband-progress-reports/2016-broadband-progress-report>
- "Who has the best 'cyber hygiene'?" By Laura Fodor. *State Legislatures*, September/October 2018, p. 33.
Highlights a report addressing states' security practices. Includes state ratings for residents' cyber preparedness and vulnerabilities to cyber attacks. Related information at: <https://www.ponemon.org/blog/the-cyber-hygiene-index-measuring-the-riskiest-states>
- "If parents get deported, who gets their children?" By Teresa Wiltz. *Stateline* (Pew Charitable Trusts), October 25, 2018, pp. 1-7.
Reports immigration advocates are calling for greater resources from federal, state, and local officials to assist "grandfamilies" — grandparents, extended family members, or close family friends who are stepping in to care for or raise children separated from undocumented parents who have been arrested or deported. Report at: <https://www.gu.org/app/uploads/2018/10/Grandfamilies-Report-SQGF2018.pdf>
- "'Keep them from harm and injustice?'" By Robert Van Boven. *Texas Medicine*, October 2018, pp. 4-5.
Examines barriers to transparency of hospital errors in Texas. Outlines physicians' concerns about discretionary abuse of Texas Medical Board policies and procedures.
- "Guns in America: The search for common ground begins with listening — to everyone." By Abigail Abrams, et al. *Time*, November 5, 2018, pp. 26-30.
Explores the history, culture, and controversies surrounding guns in the United States. Includes an interactive feature that presents the views and experiences of 245 different people, including Representative Jonathan Stickland, who represent a wide range of voices on the debate over guns.

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