

## Current Articles & Research Resources, July 18

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

- Review remote [sales tax](#) collection by state. (National Conference of State Legislatures, July 1, 2019)
- See how probation and parole affect [prison](#) populations. (Council of State Governments, ©2019)
- Consider how a change in the federal [minimum wage](#) would affect employment. (Congressional Budget Office, July 8, 2019)
- Read about possible reforms to federal [asylum](#) laws. (Texas Public Policy Foundation, July 10, 2019)

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- "Education isn't enough." By Nick Hanauer. *Atlantic Monthly*, July 2019, pp. 19-22.  
Argues educational inequality is a symptom of the real problem, which is economic inequality. Suggests the most important predictor of a child's educational success is household income and a secure middle-class life.
- "More states take a gamble on sports betting. Will it pay off?" By Jacob Turcotte. *Christian Science Monitor*, June 24, 2019, p. 15.  
Identifies the status of sports gambling in the various states and defines the pros and cons of sports gambling expansion.
- "Americans United endorses bill to end discrimination in foster care programs." *Church & State*, July/August 2019, pp. 16-17.  
Highlights the [Every Child Deserves a Family Act](#), proposed federal legislation that seeks to end discrimination in foster care, adoption, and child welfare.
- "Police officers and social media: Slur and protect." *Economist*, July 6th-12th, 2019, pp. 22, 24.  
Considers how law enforcement agencies should discipline police and border patrol officers who make racist and misogynistic posts on their social media accounts. Questions whether the posts are protected speech.
- "State legislators tackle broad basket of issues on parents' checklist." By Marva Hinton. *Education Week*, June 19, 2019, pp. 15, 17.  
Looks at recent state legislation on school safety, charter schools, and student data privacy. Mentions [HB1387](#), 86th Legislature, that removes caps on the number of school marshals per school campus.
- "[Equity crowdfunding in Texas: A funding tool for small business.](#)" By Jackie Benton. *Fiscal Notes*, June/July 2019, pp. 7-10.  
Examines state equity crowdfunding rules and requirements in Texas and the benefits for small businesses. Notes the Texas crowdfunding program has raised \$2.5 million in capital for small businesses since 2015.
- "Abbott signs bill to combat patient confusion." By Elizabeth Byrne. *Fort Worth*

*Business Press*, June 24-30, 2019, pp. 18-19.

Discusses [HB2041](#), 86th Legislature, that requires freestanding emergency rooms to disclose the in-network health insurance plans they accept and fees that may be charged. Quotes bill author Representative Tom Oliverson.

- "Lancaster library to be named for educator Reby Cary." By Rick Mauch. *Fort Worth Business Press*, July 1-7, 2019, p. 10.  
Reports that Fort Worth's first children- and teen-focused public library will be named the Reby Cary Youth Library, honoring the late educator and former state representative.
- "[The 86th Texas Legislature gavel out: Texas hospitals achieve notable policy wins to protect access to care.](#)" By Aisha Ainsworth. *Internet Resource*, May/June 2019, pp. 1-2.  
Recaps the 86th Texas Legislature, emphasizing bills that affect Texas hospitals.
- "Protecting the accuracy of the 2020 census." By Constance F. Citro. *Issues in Science and Technology*, Summer 2019, pp. 37-43.  
Provides a brief history of early population census taking in the United States and lists key issues with the modern census from 1970 through 2010. Discusses the challenges to conducting an accurate census in 2020, including an undercount due to government mistrust, computing systems vulnerabilities, funding shortfalls, and data protection.
- "Texas law and the restatement of the law of liability insurance: An initial comparison of blackletter principles." By Cyrus W. Haralson and Christina A. Culver. *Journal of Texas Insurance Law*, Spring 2019, pp. 3-29 (Note Length).  
Compares and contrasts Texas law on liability insurance with the recent final draft of the American Law Institute's *Restatement of the Law of Liability Insurance*.
- "Criminal justice reform is having a (long overdue) moment." By C.J. Ciaramella. *Reason*, August/September 2019, pp. 26-29.  
Reviews a variety of federal, state, and local bipartisan efforts to reform the criminal justice system.
- "[Recalibrating local politics to increase the supply of housing; Comment.](#)" By Chris Elmendorf and William A. Fischel. *Regulation (CATO Institute)*, Summer 2019, pp. 38-45.  
Argues state planning mandates and development-rights auctions can bolster pro-housing factions in local governments.
- "Businesses scramble to prep for city's sick leave law." By Tony Quesada. *San Antonio Business Journal*, July 5, 2019, p. 3.  
Comments on the San Antonio city ordinance that will require employers to allow employees to accrue sick leave beginning August 1, 2019.
- "[Texas facing historically tight labor markets, constraining growth.](#)" By Christopher Slijk. *Southwest Economy (Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas)*, Second Quarter 2018, pp. 3-6.  
Analyzes recent trends in labor force migration and unemployment that have led to a tight labor market, constraining economic growth and limiting business expansion.
- "New attack on race-based admissions at UT Austin seeks to succeed where 'Fisher' failed." By Angela Morris. *Texas Lawyer*, July/August 2019, p. 4.  
Discusses the new legal strategy at play in a [new lawsuit](#) challenging the University of Texas at Austin's race-based admission policies.

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