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

- Read about how the federal government is addressing concerns about privacy related to face recognition technologies. (Government Accountability Office, June 4, 2019)
- Find the latest reports produced by the Texas Health & Human Services Commission. (Texas Health & Human Services, accessed June 5, 2019)
- Prepare for hurricane season. (Texas Department of Public Safety, May 31, 2019)
- See legislation related to occupational licensing. (Texas Department of Licensing & Regulation, accessed June 5, 2019)

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  Argues the vaccination controversy is not a scientific problem but a social problem created by lack of faith in government, the health-care system, and pharmaceutical companies.
  Summarizes the 86th Texas Legislature, calling it the most productive legislative session in a decade.
- "Bound to win." By Jill Lepore. New Yorker, May 20, 2019, pp. 76-82.
  Reviews the evolution of political memoirs or autobiographies, focusing on books by current presidential candidates.
  Summarizes a series of articles from Deloitte, "Decoding the O & G Downturn," which explores the oil and gas industry's struggles with uncertainty in the markets and low prices.
  Reviews recent studies to understand how some methods of funding teacher pensions can have a role in school finance inequity.
  Argues that energy efficiency program models need to be updated in order to adapt to changes in the energy industry.
- "Palliative care beyond hospice is spreading to more states." By Michael Ollove. Stateline (Pew Charitable Trusts), May 29, 2019, pp. 1-6.
  Reports more states are extending palliative care benefits to people who are not close to death, but who are living with serious illnesses. Explains state programs and policies vary according to geography, hospital size and income. Reports at http://features.commonwealthfund.org/health-care-in-america and https://nashp.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Palliative-Care-Brief-Final.pdf.

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