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To Members and Staff of the General Assembly:

The Legislative Research Unit is pleased to make available our periodic list of selected research reports. The list includes almost 50 reports on topics in 9 categories, reflecting the variety and complexity of issues considered in the General Assembly. They are included in this collection with the permission of the person who requested them.

The reports are available to legislators and staff members in their entirety on our website: www.ilga.gov/commission/lru/lru_home.html. You can also call our office at (217) 782-6851 and we will send a single copy of your selections to you.

For the first time, we are also including a section on suggested legislation taken from a publication of the Council of State Governments, *Suggested State Legislation*. The draft legislation listed in *Suggested State Legislation* are vetted by a CSG committee of state legislators, legislative staff, and other state government officials to ensure that they have national or regional significance, take an innovative and practical approach to an issue, and are logically structured and clearly worded. Although we only include 9 highlights here that we feel would be of particular interest, the full publication covers 60 possible legislative ideas and is available at <http://www.csg.org/programs/ssl/pubs.aspx>.

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Business Regulation

- Interest Rate Limits for Veterans (Oct. 30, 2007; 2 pp.)
- Laws Regulating Pet Breeders and Sellers (May 16, 2008; 18 pp.)
- Laws on Ticket Resellers (April 3, 2008; 11 pp.)
- Laws and Bills to Protect Cellphone Customers (Dec. 10, 2008; 5 pp.)
- Mortgage Servicing Abuse (Jan. 2, 2009; 11 pp.)
- Protections Against Predatory Mortgage Lending (Jan. 2, 2008; 11 pp.)
- States' WARN-Type Laws (Jan. 23, 2009; 8 pp.)
- Workers' Compensation in Illinois and Nearby States (Jan. 2, 2009; 24 pp.)

Criminal Law

- Expungement Laws in Illinois (Jan. 20, 2009; 5 pp.)
- Penalties for DUI (May 21, 2008; 9 pp.)
- Sex Offender Residence Restrictions (Jan. 9, 2008; 3 pp.)
- State Laws Banning Text Messaging While Driving (Dec. 23, 2008; 4 pp.)

Education

- Charter Schools Comparison (Jan. 2, 2009; 7 pp.)
- Helping College Students Afford Textbooks (Sept. 5, 2008; 6 pp.)
- Seat Belts on School Buses (March 20, 2008; 4 pp.)
- Textbook Shortage in Chicago Public Schools (Oct. 2, 2008; 3 pp.)

Families

- Adoption Assistance Notification Requirements (March 23, 2007; 3 pp.)
- Adoption Tax Incentives (Feb. 4, 2008; 5 pp.)
- Background Checks of Prospective Adoptive or Foster Parents (Sept. 4, 2008; 12 pp.)
- Employee Leave for Military Member Families (Nov. 13, 2008; 8 pp.)
- Grandparent Visitation and Custody (March 24, 2008; 4 pp.)
- TANF Increases in Other States (March 8, 2007; 26 pp.)

Government; General Assembly

- Duties of the Lieutenant Governor (Dec. 11, 2008; 4 pp.)
- Governors' Impeachments in U.S. History (July 8, 2008; 46 pp.)
- History of Illinois Legislators' Compensation and Expense Allowances (Nov. 10, 2008; 13 pp.)
- History of Legislative Pay Increases (Aug. 8, 2008; 2 pp.)
- How States Set Legislators' Pay (Sept. 4, 2008; 5 pp.)
- Illinois Redistricting History Since 1970 (May 28, 2008; 16 pp.)
- In Pursuit of Legislative Adjournment (Sept. 16, 2008; 6 pp.)
- Legislative Redistricting in All States (Dec. 8, 2008; 13 pp.)

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Legislative Resolutions to Amend the Illinois Constitution of 1970
(May 1, 2008; 44 pp.)

Legislative Session Days Since 1951 and Special Session Days Since
1971 (Aug. 13, 2008; 17 pp.)

States' Methods for Filling U.S. Senate Vacancies (Dec. 9, 2008;
3 pp.)

Zero-Based Budgeting in Other States (Nov. 20, 2008; 6 pp.)

Health and Safety

Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Cost Projections (Sept. 20,
2006; 9 pp.)

Hospital Sanctions in Other States (Oct. 14, 2008; 16 pp.)

Midwife Licensing in Other States (Feb. 14, 2008; 15 pp.)

Pharmaceutical Disposal or Donation Programs (Nov. 20, 2008; 9 pp.)

Tax Credits for Health Savings Accounts (May 29, 2008; 5 pp.)

Revenue

States' Motor Fuel Taxes and Vehicle Registration Fees (Jan. 9, 2009;
13 pp.)

Taxes on Motor Fuels in Illinois and Bordering States (Sept. 30, 2008;
4 pp.)

Tax Structures of Illinois and Surrounding States (Dec. 8, 2008;
18 pp.)

Transportation

Comparing Road Fund Spending to Traffic System Data (May 14,
2009; 16 pp.)

Rail Infrastructure Funding Sources (April 11, 2008; 18 pp.)

Road Funds for Non-Road Uses (April 20, 2009; 8 pp.)

Toll Enforcement by Picture (Dec. 15, 2008; 7 pp.)

Miscellaneous

Compact Fluorescent Light Recycling Laws (Jan. 2, 2009; 4 pp.)

Indoor Air Quality Laws (Dec. 22, 2008; 5 pp.)

States' Historic Preservation Tax Credits (July 7, 2008; 22 pp.)

The Council of State Governments

Listed and briefly described below are several entries from The Council of State Governments' 2009 *Suggested State Legislation*, an annual publication that compiles model bills and laws on a variety of timely topics.

Child Custody and Visitation During Military Temporary Duty, Deployment, or Mobilization (2 pp.)

Establishes procedures to expedite child custody and visitation court proceedings when a military parent is about to depart for duty.

Foreclosure Consulting Statement (1 p.)

Prohibits foreclosure consultants from engaging in foreclosure rescue transactions, in which an interest in a property is conveyed by a homeowner to a foreclosure consultant in an effort to delay foreclosure proceedings. Also sets standards for foreclosure consulting contracts.

Health Plan Coverage of Prescriptions During Emergencies or Disasters (2 pp.)

Allows people in counties that have been declared disasters or under a state of emergency to refill current prescriptions under their health benefit plan without "refill too soon" limitations common to medications dispensed for a set number of days.

Intrastate Mutual Aid Compact (4 pp.)

Creates a system of intrastate mutual aid to be used for financial assistance to prevent and respond to disasters.

Substitute Address for a Victim of Domestic Abuse (1 p.)

Allows a domestic violence victim to create a confidential, substitute address to be used when interacting with public agencies to help ensure that an abuser cannot track a victim through the agencies.

Trans Fats and Schools (2 pp.)

Prohibits elementary and secondary schools from providing access to students foods containing artificial trans fat.

Uniform Child Abduction Prevention Act (7 pp.)

Allows courts to impose measures designed to prevent child abduction before and after a custody decree has been entered.

Uniform Real Property Electronic Recording Act (3 pp.)

Authorizes land records officials to accept and store electronic records, and to develop systems for searching and retrieving electronic land records.

Warranty Adjustment Programs (3 pp.)

Requires motor vehicle manufacturers to notify consumers of warranty adjustment programs that extend a warranty to cover the costs of repairing conditions that may affect the durability, reliability, or performance of a vehicle. Also requires dealers to notify consumers who seek repairs of conditions covered by adjustment programs.

