

State Government Weekly Update

September 5, 2024

State Legislative Session Map

- 4 States in Regular Session
- 45 States out of Session
- 1 States in Special Session



State Government Round-Up

Alabama - The state is poised to end this fiscal year with a decline in sales tax revenue, the first time that's happened in 15 years. At the end of August, sales tax receipts were down \$42.2 million, or -1.8%, to \$2.3 billion. Unlike 2009, it's largely policy change in the form of a tax cut — not a recession — driving this decrease, budget experts note. Learn more here.

California - Governor Gavin Newsome ordered lawmakers back to Sacramento for a special session in order to debate measures proposed that are aimed at reducing gas prices at the pump. However, for the first time in the state's history, the State Senate refused his request and did not show up. **Learn more here.**

Check Out Our State Budget Tracker Below!

State Government Round-Up Continued

California - A bill that could lead to changes in the way California public schools are funded — and send more money to most of them — is headed to Gov. Gavin Newsom's desk for his signature. California is one of seven states that fund schools based on average daily attendance — the average number of students in class every day throughout the school year — rather than on how many students are signed up to attend at the start of the school year. Learn more here.

Colorado - Gov. Jared Polis signed a bipartisan package of property tax cuts into law on

Nebraska - Saying he was stepping up Nebraska's fight against "mislabeled" and "dangerous" delta-8 products, Attorney General Mike Hilgers on Wednesday announced the start of city-wide crackdowns on retailers who sell the items. Learn more here.

Virginia - Legislators are making a bipartisan push for more state funding to counter the effects of problem gambling until the Virginia Gaming Commission is up and running. Learn more here. Wednesday, after supporters of a pair of ballot initiatives that proposed deeper cuts withdrew them earlier in the day. In exchange for that bill's passage, two conservative groups agreed to remove Initiatives 108 and 50 from the ballot. The measures would have slashed residential and commercial property assessment rates and limited future revenue increases with a 4% annual growth cap. Learn more here.



State Budget Tracker

As of September 5th, 50 states have enacted a budget for FY 2025. Sixteen of those states enacted a biennial budget during their 2023 legislative session.

- Forty-six states began fiscal year 2025 on July 1.
- New York began its fiscal year on April 1.
- Texas begins its fiscal year on September 1.
- Alabama and Michigan begin their fiscal year on October 1.

A full list of states and budget information can be accessed here.



What We Are Reading

• How a Pandemic-Era Surge in Tax Collections Drove a Revenue Wave; Governing



Cool Jobs

• Public Affairs Director (Lobbying and Advocacy); Bezos Academy (Remote)

- Hundreds of cities get federal help to make streets safer; Route Fifty
- Manager, State and Local Government Relations; Live Nation (DC-Hybrid)
- Manager, State and Local Government Affairs; Capital One (Richmond, Chicago, New York, McLean)
- Manager, State and Local, Government Affairs and Public Policy, Google (Boulder, CO)

Industry Happenings and Important Events

September 25-27

PAC Government Relations and Policy Conference in Washington, DC

October 4

Republican Attorneys General Association (RAGA) Fall National Meeting in Orlando, FL.

October 7-8 Democratic Governors Association (DGA) Fall Policy Conference in Philadelphia, PA.



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