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## Weekly Legislative Wrap-Up

### State of the States



Legislators are back for their second special session of the year. The Governor called legislators back to

Springfield in hopes of passing a budget by the start of the new fiscal year this Saturday. Among the bills being considered during the special session is [HB 4068](#) which would establish a prescription drug formulary. The legislature passed a similar bill during regular session but the Governor has yet to sign it into law. It remains unlikely the legislature will pass HB 4068 or a budget by the end of the special session. July 1 will mark year three of no budget for the state.



Late last week, the California Speaker of the House [announced](#) he would hold SB 562, California's single

payer bill, indefinitely in the Rules Committee. Among the reasons given, the Speaker cited the bill's \$400 billion unfunded price tag. This move ensures the House will not consider the measure in 2017, but because California has a two year session, the bill could resurface in 2018.



The Workers Compensation Research Institute (WCRI) released a new study to examine opioid prescribing patterns across 26 states. The [study](#) found that most states showed decreases in opioid prescribing, including **Michigan** with a 37 percent decrease, the biggest drop of all states examined. **New York, Maryland, and Kentucky** also showed a significant decrease in opioid prescribing.





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The North Carolina House passed [SB 615](#), to expand workers' comp coverage for emergency

workers in the state. The bill would change the workers' comp statute to include all emergency workers covered under the provision for injuries occurring while responding to fires or other urgent situations. The bill is now awaiting Governor Cooper's signature.



Last Friday, Butler County Missouri [passed](#) a new city ordinance to join the Prescription

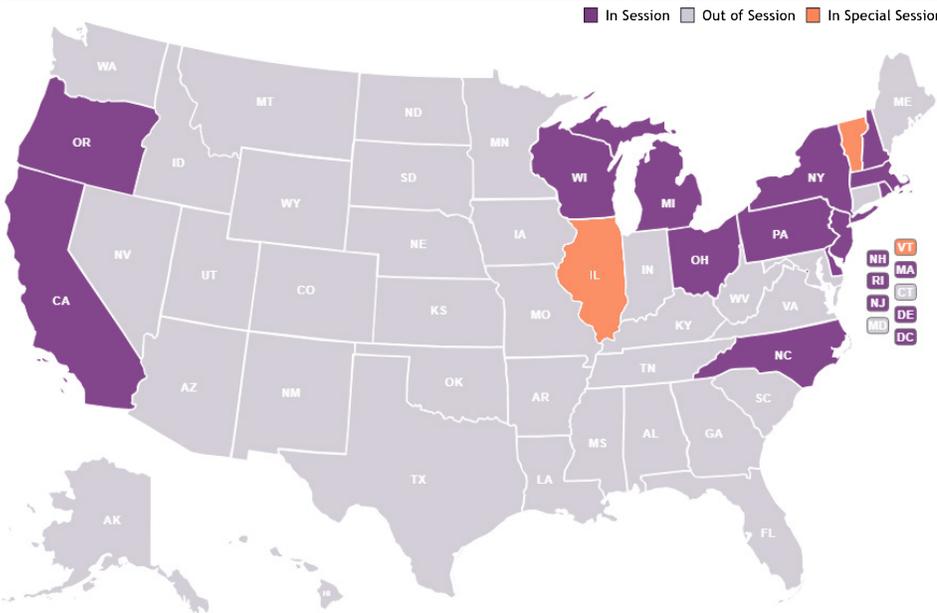
Drug Monitoring Program started in St. Louis County. The County-level PDMP now has nine (9) counties from across the state signed-up. The number of participating counties is expected to increase as the legislature failed for the fifth straight year to pass a bill implementing a state PDMP.

Where in the U.S.A. are Jayne & Danielle?

Jayne and Danielle will be in the home office next week.



## States in Session



Questions, Concerns, Suggestions? Let Us Know.

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