

**Table A:
Issues Expressed by Governors in State of the State Addresses, 2007–2011**

<i>Issue expressed by governors</i>	<i>2007 percentage of governors mentioning issue (N=43)</i>	<i>2008 percentage of governors mentioning issue (N=42)</i>	<i>2009 percentage of governors mentioning issue (N=44)</i>	<i>2010 percentage of governors mentioning issue (N=42)</i>	<i>2011 percentage of governors mentioning issue (N=47)</i>
Education	100.0%	90.5%	86.4%	90.5%	93.6%
Economic development/jobs	79.5	81.0	79.5	88.1	87.2
Performance/accountability	72.7	42.9	52.3	73.8	83.0
Health care	86.4	83.3	79.5	57.1	72.3
Tax/revenue initiative	84.1	59.5	65.9	83.3	70.2
Transportation/roads/bridges	52.3	59.5	65.9	50.0	46.8
Natural resources/energy	84.1	71.4	79.5	73.8	44.7
Safety/corrections	75.0	59.5	50.0	54.8	38.3
Pensions/OPEBs	36.4	21.4	18.2	19.0	36.2
Surplus/deficit/rainy day funds/reserves	70.5	54.8	45.5	78.6	34.0
Local government	52.3	35.7	20.5	11.9	17.0
Debt reduction	13.6	9.5	4.5	0	8.5
Ethics reform	13.6	11.9	15.9	26.2	8.5
Borders/illegal immigrants	11.4	16.7	6.8	4.8	8.5
Transparency	20.5	14.3	31.8	14.3	2.1

Source: Content analysis of 2007–2008 State of the State Addresses from Table C of Katherine G. Willoughby, 2008, “The State of the States: Governors Keep Agendas Short.” *The Book of the States*, Vol. 40 (Lexington, KY: The Council of State Governments): 157–64; Content analysis of 2009 State of State Addresses conducted by Tanya Smilley, MPA candidate and Soyoung Park, Ph.D. candidate, Public Policy, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, GSU; Content analysis of 2010 State of State Addresses conducted by Soyoung Park, Ph.D. candidate, Public Policy and Scott Allen, MPA candidate, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia; Content analysis of 2011 State of State Addresses conducted by Byungwoo Cho, MPA candidate, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia.