International Polar Bear Day.

More than 200 cities use ShotSpotter, software that employs a network of hidden neighborhood sensors to detect the sound of gunfire. But over the past decade, cites around the country have decided to discontinue their use of ShotSpotter as a glowing body of research shows that it doesn’t work, Matt Hartengeance reports. That’s that and more in today’s edition. Did a tip for a story? Make sure to contact us at info@stateline.org.

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FEATURED STORY
Chicago is the latest city rethinking disputed technology that listens for gunfire.

City leaders say ShotSpotter, software that listens for gunfire, can help save gunshot victims’ lives by enabling emergency responders to get to the scene of a shooting more quickly, and can help investigators recover ballistic and bullet casing evidence used to solve crimes. But recent research shows that it has not succeeded in reducing gun violence, has disabled police response times to emergency calls, and often did not lead to evidence recovery.

WHAT WE’RE READING

AGRICULTURE RULES: West Virginia’s top justice, a Republican, has signed a controversial legislation that restricts county oversight of agricultural operations, the Charleston Gazette-Mail reported. The state legislature granted the governor line-item veto power, allowing the governor to disapprove specific parts of the bill. The governor can approve the whole bill or disapprove the sections he disagrees with. He can also disapprove the bill in its entirety. The bill, which became law, will go into effect in January 2024.

CONSOLIDATED CARE: Legislation that would allow states to carry concealed pistols in schools after giving a pass to a student and permission from a principal is two steps away from becoming law in South Dakota. If it passes a House vote without amendment, it will go to Republican Gov. Kristi Noem for a signature, according to the Rapid City Journal. The bill, which is a compromise between House and Senate versions, was passed by both chambers on a vote.

RENT CAP: A push by some Democrats in the Washington state legislature to cap annual rent increases across the state hit a dead end, according to the Seattle Times. The bill, which went through the Senate but failed in the House, would have imposed a cap of 1% per year on rent increases. The bill failed due to a Senate override. REPUBLICAN PISTOL RULES: Gun owners are not limited in the number of firearms they can own.

MORE STATE NEWS

Delaware’s Superior Court struck down statutes allowing for early voting after a ruling in the state’s highest court.

Iowa nursing homes could be subject to fewer on-site inspections if legislation approved by the Iowa House is signed into law, the Des Moines Register reported. But the state would be required to hold more trainings for nursing home staff and inspectors on the new compliance standards. The bill goes to the Senate for consideration.

Georgia Power hikes prompt legislation to restore consumer advocate for electricity rate cases.

Tenants’ rights bills attempt to address Tennessee’s affordable housing issues.

District of Columbia mayor, business leaders pitch $400M plan to fix ailing downtown.

Oregon homeowners face soaring premiums, few property insurance options over wildfires.

Minnesota governor signs fix to $350M drafting error in last year’s tax bill.

Wyoming will oppose $400M water conservation grants it can’t control.

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