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The following study entitled *Right to Work Legislation and the Manufacturing Sector* provides a technical analysis of state level manufacturing in the lower 48 states and District of Columbia from 1929 through 2005. The special focus is on the effects of right to work legislation on four variables: the share of manufacturing in each state economy, the overall size of manufacturing in each state (as measured by total incomes), manufacturing employment and manufacturing wages.

This study reports results from analysis performed over the past five years which are aimed primarily for scholarly publication. What is presented here is an abbreviated version of that technical analysis along with summarized findings suitable for a broad audience.

Accompanying the publication of this study are the underlying data provided in spreadsheets. While these data are easily obtained through the Department of Commerce and Department of Labor websites, they are offered here to provide more immediate transparency. The underlying statistical models are also presented in a worksheet.

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