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JLARC Meeting – Minutes

December 8, 2014

Attending

JLARC Members:
Senator John C. Watkins, Chairman; Delegate David B. Albo, Senator Charles J. Colgan, Delegate M. Kirkland Cox, Senator Janet Howell, Delegate Johnny Joannou, Delegate Chris Jones, Delegate R. Steven Landes, Delegate James P. Massie III, Senator Thomas K. Norment, Delegate John M. O'Bannon, Delegate Lionell Spruill, Sr., Senator Walter Stosch, Ms. Martha Mavredes, Ex Officio.

JLARC Staff:
Hal Greer, Director; Nathalie Molliet-Ribet, Senior Associate Director; Justin Brown, Associate Director; Kimberly Sarte, Assistant Director; Lauren Axselle, Erik Beecroft, Sarah Berday-Sacks, Jamie Bitz, Susan Bond, Drew Dickinson, Chris Duncombe, Kathy DuVall, Nicole Gaffen, Mark Gribbin, Nia Harrison, Liana Kleeman, Paula Lambert, Jeff Lunardi, Bridget Marcek, Joe McMahon, Ellen Miller, Greg Rest, David Reynolds, Beth Singer, Tracey Smith, Nichelle Williams, Christine Wolfe, Sandra Wright.

Others:
The Honorable Maurice Jones, Secretary of Commerce and Trade; Elizabeth Creamer (Advisor for Workforce Development, Office of the Secretary of Commerce and Trade); Joe Flores, Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Resources; Ellen Davenport, Randy Stamper, Craig Herndon (VCCS); Jeff Brown (VEC); David Von Moll (State Comptroller); Doug Page, Connie Jones (DOA); Ed Rhoades (Fire/EMS Lobbyist); John Heard (Virginia Association of Counties Risk Pool); Katie Webb (Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association); Robley Jones (VEA); Bob Schultz, Ronald Schmitz, Patricia Bishop, Cindy Comer, Rory Badura (VRS); Betsey Daley, April Kees, Sarah Herzog, Jason Powell (SFC); Tony Maggio, Susan Hogge, Anne Oman, Michael Jay (HAC); Michael Martz (Richmond Times-Dispatch); Anne-Marie Morgan (Virginia Public Radio); Alana Austin (NBC-29 in Charlottesville); Karl Saimre (DGS); Phil Leone (Virginia Tech); Mark Smith (George Mason University); Mary Jo Fields (Virginia Municipal League); Kim McKay (Council on Virginia's Future); Sharon Johnson, Loretta Snow (Shenandoah Valley Workforce Investment Board).

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Senator Watkins, Chairman. Senator Watkins recognized Hal Greer, JLARC staff Director, who provided the Commission with an overview of the meeting agenda and prepared remarks regarding JLARC's workforce development

report. He also thanked the Secretary of Commerce and Trade, as well as staff of several state agencies and other employers for their assistance and input on the study.

Following Mr. Greer's remarks, he introduced Tracey Smith who presented a briefing of the *Virginia's Workforce Development Programs* report. Ms. Smith responded to a number of questions from the Commission throughout her presentation. Delegate Landes requested information on whether community college funding can be used for noncredit courses. In addition, Delegate Jones requested information regarding the timeline for tracking data on the number of individuals who started and completed a certification program, in addition to the number of individuals who were subsequently employed. At the conclusion of Ms. Smith's presentation, Senator Watkins requested a motion to receive the report and authorize printing. A motion was made by Delegate O'Bannon, which was seconded by Senator Colgan. Mr. Greer then noted that Maurice Jones, the Secretary of Commerce and Trade, was present to provide remarks to the Commission in response to the JLARC report. Secretary Jones discussed several items that the administration is currently working on and noted that they have collected data from all 24 workforce development programs of which they will be able to report by the end of Fiscal Year 2015. Delegate Jones requested that Secretary Jones disseminate this information to the Commission. At the end of Secretary Jones' comments, Senator Watkins noted that a motion had been made and seconded to receive the report and authorize printing. This motion was approved unanimously by the Commission.

Mr. Greer then provided the Commission with some brief remarks about JLARC's Line of Duty Act study. He also thanked several state agencies for their assistance and input on the study, and acknowledged the work completed by Cavanaugh MacDonald. Following these remarks, Mr. Greer introduced Jeff Lunardi who presented a briefing of the *Virginia's Line of Duty Act* report. Mr. Lunardi responded to a number of questions from the Commission throughout his presentation. At the conclusion of Mr. Lunardi's presentation, Senator Watkins requested a motion to receive the report and authorize printing. A motion was made by Delegate O'Bannon, seconded by Senator Colgan, and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Mr. Mark Gribbin then presented a briefing of the *Biennial VRS Status and Semi-Annual Investment Report: December 2014*. Mr. Gribbin responded to several questions of the Commission throughout his presentation. In addition, Mr. Bob Schultze, Director of VRS, addressed several of the Commission's questions. At the conclusion of Mr. Gribbin's presentation, Senator Watkins requested a motion to receive the report and authorize printing. A motion was made by Delegate O'Bannon, seconded by Senator Colgan, and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Following Mr. Gribbin's presentation, Mr. Greer turned the podium over to Justin Brown who presented a briefing of *the State Spending on the K-12 Standards of Quality: FY 2014* report. Delegate Massie asked Mr. Brown to send him 10 years of the data, including the average daily attendance, as well as local, state, and total spending by school division. At the conclusion of Mr. Brown's presentation, Senator Watkins requested a motion to receive the report and authorize printing. A motion was made by Delegate Spruill, seconded by Delegate O'Bannon, and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Subsequently, Senator Watkins stated that the Commission will take a five minute recess, as requested by the House members. The Commission reconvened at 12:43 p.m. Senator Watkins stated that the House members of JLARC requested that the Commission not discuss the Medicaid study resolution at this time. The Commission members agreed to develop a study resolution during the 2015 General Assembly Session to include details addressing areas that need an additional study.

Delegate Landes expressed his appreciation to the JLARC staff for the work that was done, and stated that he plans to work with Senator Watkins, Senator Hanger, and Mr. Greer during the General Assembly Session to draft a study resolution.

There being no further business, the Commission rose at 12:46 p.m.

Approved by: _____
Hal E. Greer, Director

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