

## JLARC Meeting

December 10, 2018 – MINUTES

### JLARC Members Present:

Senator Thomas K. Norment: Chairman, Delegate R. Steven Landes: Vice-Chairman, Delegate Betsy B. Carr; Speaker M. Kirkland Cox, Senator Emmett Hanger, Senator Janet Howell, Delegate Chris Jones, Senator Ryan McDougle, Senator Frank Ruff, Delegate Christopher Stolle.

The meeting was called to order at 11:07 a.m. by Senator Thomas K. Norment. Senator Norment recognized Hal Greer, JLARC staff Director, who provided the Commission with a brief overview of the meeting agenda. He then provided the Commission with a few remarks about JLARC's review of Improving Virginia's Foster Care System study and introduced Drew Dickinson, project leader for the study.

### **Improving Virginia's Foster Care System**

Mr. Dickinson took the podium and acknowledged Sarah Berday-Sacks, Maria Garnett and Ellie Rigsby who worked with him on the study. Mr. Dickinson then presented the Commission with an overview of the Virginia's Foster Care System study. Mr. Dickinson responded to several questions from Commission members. Following the presentation, Senator Norment introduced S. Duke Storen, Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Social Services, who gave his response to the JLARC study and the recommendations given to the Commission.

### **Approval of JLARC Study Topics**

Mr. Greer took the podium and introduced Mr. Justin Brown who reviewed several JLARC study topics for 2019 and requested approval of these topics. The Commission approved the upcoming study topics. Following Mr. Brown, Ms. Tracey Smith took the podium and requested approval of an additional study topic for 2019 related to funding of community service boards. The study was approved by the Commission. Ms. Smith then introduced Ms. Kimberly Sarte who requested approval of a more in-depth study of VITA's IT transition. This study was approved by the Commission.

### **Economic Development Incentives and Benefits**

Ms. Kimberly Sarte then introduced Ms. Ellen Miller who gave an update on Virginia's Economic Development Incentives and Benefits. Ms. Miller responded to several questions from Commission members.

## Update on State's IT Transition

At the conclusion of her update, Ms. Kimberly Sarte introduced Mr. Dan Wolf, Policy Director for VITA. Mr. Wolf gave an update on the State's IT transition.

## VRS Oversight Report

Following Mr. Wolf's update, Senator Norment greeted Ms. Kimberly Sarte at the podium where she presented a VRS oversight report. Ms. Sarte responded to several questions from Commission members.

## Virginia529 Investment Benchmark Review

Ms. Sarte then requested the Commission vote to receive and authorize printing of the report on the Proposed Changes to Payout Model of the Prepaid529 Program that was presented at the November 13, 2018 JLARC Commission meeting. The Commission voted to approve this action. Following their vote, Ms. Sarte gave a short presentation of the Virginia529 investment benchmark review. There were no questions from the Commission members.

## State Spending on K-12 Standards of Quality: FY18

Ms. Sarte then introduced Mr. Justin Brown who gave a brief presentation on State Spending on K-12 Standards of Quality for FY2018. Mr. Brown answered questions at the conclusion of his presentation.

## Adjournment

Mr. Greer then took the podium and announced the conclusion of the meeting.

There being no further business, the Commission rose at 1:31 p.m.

Approved by: Hal E. Greer  
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