



Potential JLARC study topics

Study subcommittee

Objective

- Discuss potential JLARC study topics
- Obtain approval for staff to begin drafting new study resolutions to be approved by JLARC later this fall
 - Studies would be initiated in 2019 and completed in 2020 (or later if necessary)
 - Staff would like 4-6 new studies, depending on scope and complexity of each study assigned

Staff are completing 4 studies this fall and have 4 more to begin and complete in 2019

Study	Initiated?	Brief to JLARC
Department of Elections	Yes	Sept 2018
Department of Professional & Occupational Regulation	Yes	Oct 2018
Rising inmate health care costs	Yes	Nov 2018
Foster Care & Adoption	Yes	Dec 2018

Office of the State Inspector General	Fall 2018	2019
Virginia Employment Commission	Fall 2018	2019
Office of Attorney General	Fall 2018	2019
Department of Game & Inland Fisheries	Fall 2018	2019

2018 General Assembly session study resolutions introduced

- Broad range of topics in education, health, transportation, courts, and others
- 21 House resolutions
- 5 Senate resolutions
- See attachments for all study resolutions

Potential study topics

- Member requests
- Staff suggestions

Topic #1 – Presumptions for workers' compensation benefits

- Eligibility for compensation presumes that certain conditions arose from employment and entitles workers with those conditions to compensation
- Presumptions include respiratory disease, hypertension, heart disease, cancer, infectious disease (§ 65.2-402)
- Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission collects fees to finance program and adjudicates claims

Potential issues = Basis for current presumptions; process to identify and validate presumed conditions; process to determine fees paid by employers; impact of # and type of presumptions on fees.

Topic #2 – Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity

- Coordinates and mobilizes efforts to help establish, preserve, and strengthen small, women-owned, and minority-owned business
- Certification of SWaM businesses, DBEs, ESOs, HBCUs, SDVs, and micro-businesses
- Business development and outreach services
- Loan assistance and grants

Potential issues = Agency mission; adequacy of program goals and program effectiveness; stakeholder satisfaction with services; efficiency & effectiveness of agency administration.

Topic #3 – Special education

- The Board of Education shall supervise each school division's special education program (§ 22.1-214.A)
 - Educate and train children with disabilities
 - Ensure a free and appropriate education to all children to meet their unique needs
- ≈150,000 school age children have qualifying disability or developmental delay
- ≈\$465M in FY19 (\$398M SOQ + \$68M regional tuition)

Potential issues = K-12 system's ability to provide adequate services under the law; legal and financial implications of not providing adequate services; costs and cost drivers; decisions regarding services in public vs. private settings; use of regional programs.

Topic #4 – Department of Education central office operations and performance

- Department of Education provides assistance as necessary for the proper and uniform enforcement of the provisions of the school laws in cooperation with the local school authorities
- ≈\$108M for central office operations (FY19)
- Allocated 330 staff positions

Potential issues = Adequacy of assistance to, and oversight of, school divisions; identification and development of strategies to address statewide K-12 challenges; internal agency efficiency and effectiveness; adequacy and allocation of internal agency resources.

Other potential study topics – Agencies not reviewed by JLARC (ever or in many years)

- VHDA
- Virginia Lottery
- ABC
- Court system
- DJJ

Conclusion

- Discussion?
- Other topics?
- Approval to draft study resolutions for consideration by JLARC in December?

Attachment: House-introduced JLARC study resolutions (2018 session)

Topic – Education	Chief patron	Bill #
Virginia High School League	Bell (Richard P)	HJ3
Teaching profession in Virginia	Turpin	HJ56
Compliance with higher education management agreements	Poindexter	HJ80
Duplication of job training services	Gilbert	HJ99
Universal access to Virginia Preschool Initiative	Aird	HJ108
Cost to implement K-12 standards of quality	Bloxom	HJ70
Cost to implement K-12 standards of quality	LaRock	HJ115
Cost of education	Carroll Foy	HJ126

Topic – Health	Chief patron	Bill #
Health care spending	Carter	HJ124
Cost of implementing universal health care	Carter	HJ125
Children’s Services Act	Bell (Richard P)	HJ29

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Topic – Transp & Infrastructure	Chief patron	Bill #
Eliminating tolls in Hampton Roads tunnels	Heretick	HJ25
Coastal flooding adaptation and resiliency	Stolle	HJ27
Impact of state-owned ports on local governments	James	HJ60
Impact of state-owned ports on local governments	Heretick	HJ105

Topic – Courts & Corrections	Chief patron	Bill #
Drug offender court sentencing	Herring	HJ1
Pretrial services agencies	Gilbert	HJ97
Prisoner educational & vocational training programs	Aird	HJ107

Topic - Other	Chief patron	Bill #
Effects of daylight savings time on Commonwealth	Bell (Richard P)	HJ28
Increasing hazardous duty retirement benefits	Hurst	HJ96
Special elections in the Commonwealth	Sickles	HJ113

Attachment: Senate-introduced JLARC study resolutions (2018 session)

Topic	Chief patron	Bill #
Impact of state-owned ports on local governments	Lucas	SJ7
Cost to implement K-12 standards of quality	Spruill	SJ29
Free community college	Edwards	SJ30
Cost to implement K-12 standards of quality	Sturtevant	SJ56
Balance billing by out-of-network health care providers	Sturtevant	SJ57