



Potential JLARC study topics

Study subcommittee

Objectives

- Discuss potential topics to be studied in 2021
- Develop recommended list of study topics for Commission consideration and approval
 - Staff will develop draft study resolutions for recommended topics

Subcommittee goal to select 5 to 6 studies

- Staff has capacity to complete 5 or 6 studies next year, depending on study size and complexity
- Studies would be initiated this fall and completed in 2021
- New, more pressing study topics that emerge during the legislative session can be prioritized ahead of assigned studies

Several bases or sources for topic selection

- 2020 study resolutions referred from Rules
- Studies approved by prior study selection subcommittee
- Subcommittee member topics of interest
- Agencies or programs not recently reviewed
- Rotational review of functional areas of government (Legislative Program Review and Evaluation Act)
- Staff suggestions

Rules committees referred 10 study topics

Public safety & courts	Patron	Bill #
Reinstatement of discretionary parole	Watts, Guzman	HJ26, HJ44
Gun violence in communities, effects and options	Price	HJ38
Prisoner education / vocation programs, adequacy	Aird	HJ115
Court-appointed guardians and conservators	Roem	HJ127

Funding & other	Patron	Bill #
Feasibility of increasing state composite index funds	Reeves	SJ28
Cost of implementing universal health care	Carter	HJ18
Teacher salaries & benefits	Scott	HJ41
Early voting vs. mail voting, costs and benefits	Sickles	HJ78
Compensation Board, Constitutional officer funding	Ware	HJ83
Transportation systems and funding	Austin	HJ107

Prior JLARC study subcommittee approved topics that could also be considered

- Approved three topics not yet reviewed
 - Virginia Employment Commission
 - Child Protective Services program
 - Court system
- Staff to consider feasibility of studying managed care impact on community-based behavioral health

JLARC member study topic ideas for discussion

- Agencies?
- Programs?
- Policy topics?
- Other?

Criminal justice studies for consideration (staff ideas)

- Incarceration (education and re-entry)
- Adjudication and sentencing
- Juvenile justice
- Policing

Other potential studies (staff ideas)

- Pandemic impacts on state government
- Virginia's public health system
- State / local housing programs, affordable housing
- Natural resources
 - Permitting and environmental impact processes
 - Agricultural practices to reduce runoff

Actions and next steps

- Recommended topics referred to Commission
 - Full Commission consideration and approval