



# JLARC Impacts: Actions Taken on Report Recommendations

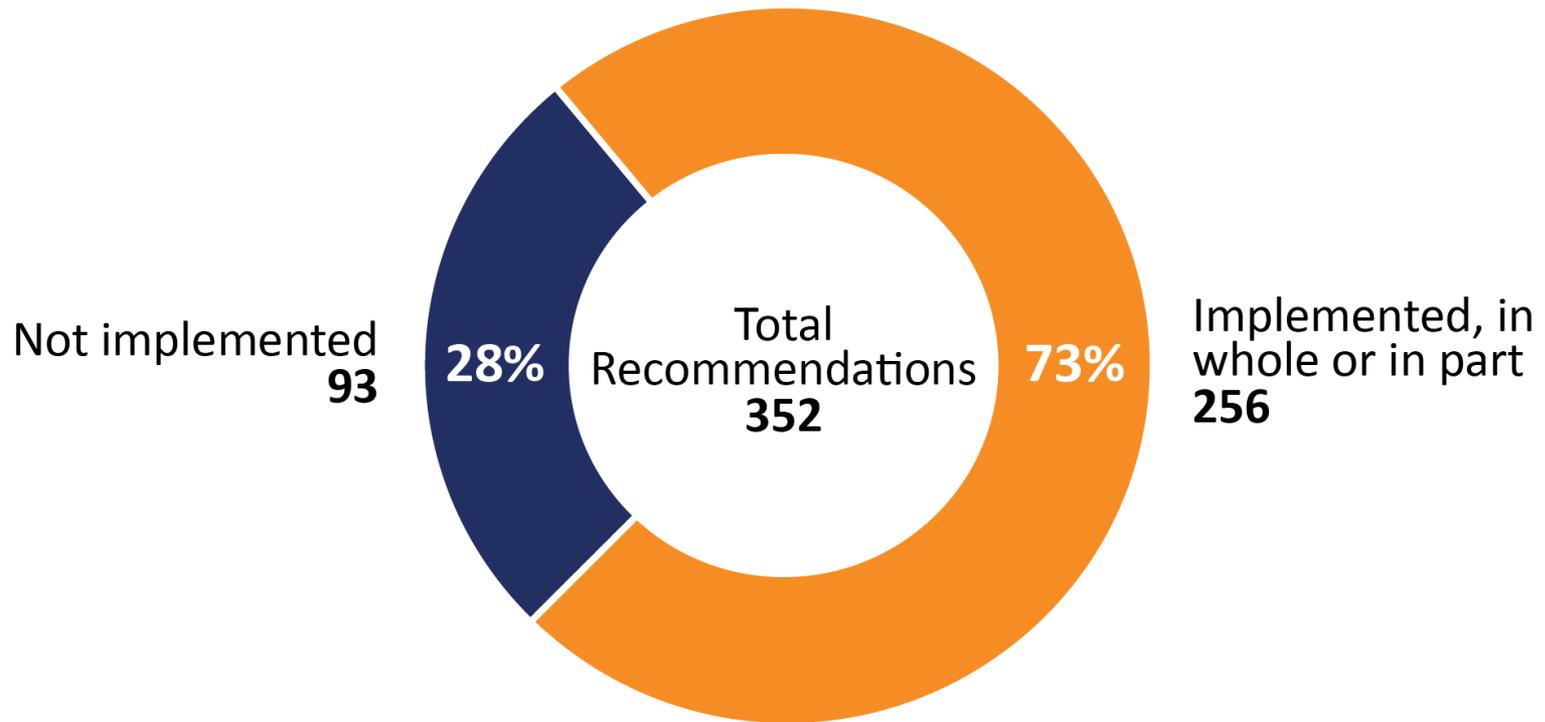
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## Follow-up on JLARC reports

- Recaps action taken in response to recommendations
- Reports savings from implemented recommendations
- Identifies further actions needed

# JLARC performance measure

## Recommendations



Reports published 2015-2018

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# JLARC performance measure

## Savings FY17 and FY18

Estimated savings of \$30M includes

- Reduced overdue renewals of Medicaid recipients
- Stricter enforcement of MCO contract provisions

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# JLARC performance measure

## Legislation introduced 2018 and 2019

- Bills: 52
- Budget amendments: 53

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## Impact: Foster Care

### Ensuring children's health, safety, and well-being

- DSS director of health and safety position
- DSS authority and responsibility for children's safety and well-being expanded and clarified
- Reduced number of children in congregate care unnecessarily
- Additional caseworkers to reduce caseloads and DSS staff to strengthen oversight

SB 1339 – Senator Reeves; Appropriation Act

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## Impact: Foster Care

### Improving recruitment of foster care parents

- Court permitted to order names of children's relatives be shared with caseworkers
- Requiring DSS to conduct ongoing searches for relatives
- Creating strategic plan and position for recruiting foster families

HB 2622 – Delegate Austin; SB 1339 – Senator Reeves;  
Appropriation Act

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## Impact: Elections

- Accurate voter assignments and better list maintenance
- Fully functional, reliable, and secure IT system
- Funding for training and guidance of local election staff

*HB 2760, HB 2178, and HB 2787 – Delegates Sickles & Rush;  
SB 1018 – Senator Chase; Appropriation Act*

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## Actions Needed: Elections

- Permanent, full-time director of operations
- Elimination of deputy commissioner and confidential advisor positions (HB 1620 & SB 1455 enacted but vetoed)
- Strengthened oversight of election process

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## Impact: Professional & Occupational Regulation

- Capped DPOR board balances and required distribution of excess funds
- DPOR authority to more effectively deter unlicensed practice
- Required to evaluate proposed expansion of occupational regulations
- Directed to improve IT system and restructure the agency as needed

*SB 1751 – Senator Ruff; HB 1939 – Delegates Webert, Freitas, and Keam; HB 2028 – Delegate Campbell; Appropriation Act*

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## Impact: Inmate Health Care

- Partnership with university health system to improve health care
- Collaboration between DOC, UVA, and VCU to lower prices on high-cost prescription drugs

*Appropriation Act*

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## Impact: State Employee Compensation

- More structured and strategic approach for making compensation decisions
  - Annual salary comparison
  - Biennial report to governor and General Assembly on recommended salary actions, prior to budget development

*HB 2055 – Delegate Carr; Appropriation Act*

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## Impact: State Agency Contracts

- Criteria for identification of high-risk contracts
- Subject matter expert and OAG review of these contracts

*HB 1668 – Delegate Carr*

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## Impact: Virginia College Savings Plan

- Capped pricing reserve for the Prepaid program when funded status meets or exceeds 105%
  - Savings of up to \$3,000 over 4 years

*SB 1368 – Senator Norment; HB 1611 – Delegate Landes*

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## Impact: Workforce & Small Business Incentives

- Grant award recapture if businesses relocate or close due to criminal activity
- Elimination of two ineffective tax credits
  - Telework
  - Worker retraining

*HB 2065 – Delegate Carr; HB 2347 – Delegate Herring;  
HB 2539 – Delegate Byron*

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## Impact: 2018 Legislation Actions Taken

- **Operations and performance of VCCS**
  - Improved quality and transparency of dual enrollment
  - Standardized and clarified transfer agreements
  - Improved academic advising
- **Early childhood development programs**
  - Improved child readiness for kindergarten
  - Strengthened administrative support for home visiting

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