

JLARC Meeting  
November 16, 2020 – MINUTES

**JLARC Members Present:**

Delegate Kenneth R. Plum, Chair; Senator Janet Howell, Vice Chair; Delegate Terry L. Austin; Delegate Betsy B. Carr; Speaker Eileen Filler-Corn; Delegate M. Kirkland Cox; Delegate Charniele L. Herring; Senator Mamie E. Locke; Senator Jeremy S. McPike; Senator Thomas K. Norment, Jr.; Delegate Mark D. Sickles; Senator Lionel Spruill, Sr.; Delegate Luke E. Torian; and Martha S. Mavredes.

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Chairman Plum. Mr. Hal Greer, JLARC Director, then introduced Mr. Nathan Skreslet, who discussed the virtual meeting logistics and called the roll. Mr. Greer then introduced Ms. Jessica Gaines, a Virginia Management Fellow who will be working at JLARC. Ms. Gaines greeted the Commission and spoke briefly about her prior rotations in the fellows program. Mr. Greer then gave an overview of the meeting agenda and called to the members' attention a list of unimplemented recommendations to the General Assembly, which will be presented at the December JLARC meeting.

**CSA and Private Special Education Day School Costs**

Mr. Greer gave an overview of the CSA and private special education day schools review. He then introduced Ms. Tracey Smith, who began presenting the JLARC study. Ms. Smith then introduced Ms. Stefanie Papps who also presented parts of the study. Following the presentation, Ms. Smith responded to a question from a Commission member. Mr. Scott Reiner, Executive Director, Office of Children's Services then briefly addressed the Commission. Chairman Plum received a motion, and the Commission voted to receive and authorize printing of the CSA study.

**Key Considerations for Marijuana Legalization**

Mr. Greer gave an overview of the key considerations for marijuana legalization study. Mr. Greer then introduced Mr. Justin Brown, who acknowledged Mr. Adam Orens, Managing Director, MPG Consulting. Mr. Brown then introduced Mr. Mark Gribbin who presented the JLARC study. During the presentation, there were several comments and questions from Commission members. Chairman Plum then received a motion, and the Commission voted to receive and print the report.

## Other Business

Mr. Greer then introduced Delegate Sickles, chair of the JLARC Topic Selection Subcommittee. Delegate Sickles briefed the Commission on the November 9, 2020 subcommittee meeting and the subcommittee’s recommendation of five topics to be studied by JLARC staff and reported in 2021. The study topics were: the Virginia Employment Commission, the juvenile justice system, the court-appointed guardian and conservator system, housing needs, and transportation infrastructure and funding. A motion was received and the five study topics for 2021 were approved.

## Adjournment

Mr. Greer announced that the next Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 14, 2020. Following, Senator Spruill expressed concern about the lack of diversity on the JLARC staff. There being no further business, the Commission rose at 12:08 p.m.

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Hal E. Greer, JLARC Director

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