



## Potential JLARC study topics

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# Objectives

- Discuss additional potential topics to be studied in 2022
- Develop recommended list of study topics for Commission consideration and approval
  - Staff will develop draft study resolutions for recommended topics

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## 2021 General Assembly assigned JLARC 3 reviews through joint resolution

- Assess the costs to implement the K-12 Standards of Quality (SJ 294)
- Impact of COVID-19 on Virginia's public schools, students, and school employees (HJ 549)
- Options to make income tax more progressive (HJ 567)

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## Subcommittee goal to select 2 new topics

- Staff has capacity to conduct 2 *additional* studies to be completed next year
- New, more pressing study topics that emerge during the legislative session can be prioritized ahead of assigned studies

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## Several bases or sources for topic selection

- Joint resolutions
- Studies already approved by JLARC study selection subcommittee, but not full Commission
- Referrals from other legislative committees or commissions
- Subcommittee member topics of interest
  - Programs, policy issues
  - Agencies not recently reviewed
  - Rotational review of functional areas of government (Legislative Program Review and Evaluation Act)

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## Study subcommittee identified topics not referred to full Commission for approval

- Effectiveness of inmate education and vocational training programs in Virginia's prisons and jails
- Effects of gun violence in Virginia and strategies to reduce gun violence
- Policing by police departments and sheriffs offices in Virginia localities and by the Virginia State Police

Note: Two additional topics related to the affects of the pandemic were also approved: (1) impact of pandemic on K-12 and (2) impact of pandemic on government more broadly.

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# Request to review DBHDS licensing practices

- Referred to JLARC by the Joint Subcommittee for Health and Human Resources
- Request to review DBHDS licensing regulations, policies, practices and requirements
  - Ensure quality services
  - Ensure fair and equitable treatment of providers seeking new or maintaining existing licenses

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## Member ideas prior to meeting

- Virginia's Community Services Boards
  - number & structure
  - service delivery across regions
  - capacity and adequacy of services
  - funding and cost of operations
  - coordination with DBHDS and private sector



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## Potential programs & policy issues to review

- Evaluation of GO Virginia
- Effectiveness of rural economic development efforts
- In-patient mental health care
- Child Protective Services
- Adult Protective Services
- Higher education (funding, affordability, student debt, changing enrollment patterns)
- State government agility, adaptability, & responsiveness (regulatory, procurement, IT, employment & compensation)

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# Major agencies not reviewed by JLARC since 2000

- Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services
- Virginia ABC
- Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services
- Department of Conservation & Recreation
- Department of Corrections
- Department of Criminal Justice Services
- Department of Emergency Management
- Department of Environmental Quality
- Department of Health
- Department of Housing & Community Development
- Department of Labor & Industry
- Virginia Energy
- Department of State Police
- Virginia Tax
- Department of the Treasury
- Judicial Department
- State Corporation Commission
- State Lottery Department

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## Other JLARC member study topic ideas for discussion?

- Programs?
- Policy issues or questions?
- Agencies?
- Other?

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## Actions and next steps

- Recommended topics referred to Commission
  - Staff draft study resolutions
  - Full Commission consideration and approval