



Potential JLARC study topics

Study subcommittee

Meeting objectives

- Discuss potential study topics for 2025
- Develop list of study topics for consideration at next study subcommittee meeting

JLARC typically can complete at least 5 studies annually

- Staff has capacity to complete 5 substantial studies
 - Can do more if some studies have narrower scope
 - Can have a “pipeline” of future studies with later deadlines
- Studies would be initiated this fall, and most or all would be completed in 2025
- General Assembly could still direct more pressing studies through joint resolutions passed during 2025 session

JLARC can conduct several different types of reviews

- Policy reviews (prospective or current)
- Program evaluations
- Agency operations & management reviews

Historically, JLARC study topics have certain characteristics

- Topics of legislative interest or importance
- Researchable questions that can be answered with objective analysis
- Potential to improve programs or agency operations, reduce costs, or inform policy consideration

Several sources for this year's topic selection

- Joint resolution already approved
- Study resolutions referred from House Rules
- JLARC membership topics of interest
- JLARC study resolution previously approved
- Staff suggestions

Study resolution passed by House & Senate during 2024 legislative session

- Social, physical, emotional, and economic effects of gun violence on communities
(HJ 76, Anthony + 7 co-patrons)

Study resolutions referred to JLARC from House Rules

- Impact of utility-scale solar development on agriculture, forestry, and the environment
(HJ 12, Orrock)
- Scope and cost of the current laws penalizing drug possession as a felony
(HJ 38, Cousins + 3 co-patrons)

Study resolution approved by JLARC in fall 2023

- State government modernization
(Commission resolution, Nov 13, 2023)
 - Process improvement & IT modernization
 - Facilities in context of modern work patterns and telecommuting
 - Personnel or procurement flexibilities
 - Private sector and other government lessons learned

JLARC membership topics of interest

- Correctional programs (educational, vocational, other) to better prepare and assist inmates for re-entry
(Carr)

Other JLARC member study topic ideas for discussion

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

Other potential study topics (staff ideas)

- Health inspection & regulation
- Two-year institutions amid changing higher education and economic landscape

Actions and next steps

- Subcommittee identify at least 4 study topics to recommend (*in addition to gun violence already approved through joint resolution*)
- Staff research topics as needed
- Study subcommittee convene again to prioritize topics to recommend to full Commission
- Full Commission consideration and approval of resolutions