

September 8 Topic Selection Meeting:

Selected Reports Where Action Remains to be Taken on JLARC Report Recommendations

Report and Year Printed	Key recommendations or conditions where no action has been taken.	Commission Decision on Follow-up
116. Technical Report: Statewide Staffing Standards for the Funding of Financial Officers (April 1990, H.D. 75)	Commissioners of the Revenue continue to process State income tax returns. No standards for staffing have been set. Little has been done to implement the recommendations of either report.	
117. Funding of Constitutional Officers (May 1990, H.D. 81)		
141. Medicaid Asset Transfers and Estate Recovery (November 1992, S.D. 10)	Little has been done in this area. The problem will become more severe as the population ages.	
150. State/Local Relations and Service Responsibilities: A Framework for Change (March 1993, S.D. 37)	Most areas of State/local service responsibilities remain as they were in 1992. However, several key report recommendations, including the equalization of city and county taxing authority and the centralization of income tax processing have not been acted on.	
159. Review of the State's Group Life Insurance Program for Public Employees (January 1994, S.D. 43)	The State Group Life Insurance Program was under-funded at the time of the report and under-funding is now worse.	
161. Special Report: Review of the 900 East Main Street Building Renovation Project (March 1994, S.D. 55)	DGS capital outlay process and staff management needed better control. A management review would be needed to determine if lasting improvements have been made.	

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194. Feasibility of Consolidating Virginia's Wildlife Resource Functions (December 1996)	Report said that terrestrial wildlife management functions should be consolidated within DGIF. The report also concluded that the agencies had some overlapping areas of responsibility, and that a consolidation appears feasible and should be considered. The report indicated some concerns with a consolidation that needed to be taken into account. No action taken to date.	
207. The Secretarial System in Virginia State Government (December 1997, H.D. 41)	A statute requiring the Secretary of the Commonwealth to maintain certain records was passed, but a broader transition statute has not been enacted.	
221. The Feasibility of Converting Camp Pendleton to a State Park (September 1998, H.D. 11 1999)	While range safety improvements have been made and the number of firing points has been reduced, the firing range is still operational.	
222. Review of the Use of Consultants by the Virginia Department of Transportation (October 1998, H.D. 12 1999)	Problems were found with the use of consultants by VDOT. A management review would be needed to determine if improvements have been made.	
231. Preliminary Inquiry: DEQ and VDH Activities to Identify Water Toxic Problems (July 1999)	To strengthen the State's capacity to identify toxic water problems and better protect the public, §62.1-44.19:5 was amended after this JLARC review to provide for a three-year (instead of five-year) sampling rotation for DEQ fish tissue and sediment monitoring. At DEQ's request, the statutory language makes the heightened sampling activity that is called for contingent upon the availability of funds. The last information JLARC staff received from DEQ is that sufficient funding has not been available to implement the three-year rotation called for by the statute.	

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254. Technical Report: The Costs of Raising Children (November 2000)	Current child support guidelines are based on data that are about 20 years old. Legislative action needed on proposals otherwise acted on by the executive branch.	
264. Special Report: Preservation of Revolutionary War Veteran Gravesites (January 2001)	Program is now set forth in statute, but funding has not been available for it. Estimated cost for a good program for ordinary maintenance care is about \$50,000 per year. A good program assisting with extraordinary maintenance would cost about \$100,000 per year. Potential exists to pay some of costs through innovative fund-raising initiatives, once program is initiated.	
272. Equity and Efficiency of Highway Construction and Transit Funding (December 2001)	No action taken on recommendations (1) to replace the current outdated allocation system with a needs-based system, or (2) to replace the classification system with one that is based on the roads' functions.	
277. Review of Elementary and Secondary School Funding (February 2002)	JLARC education funding study found that school divisions employ fewer special education teachers than are calculated by State funding model using Board of Education standards. It is unclear as to whether the model positions are too high, or if the actual positions reported by the divisions are too low. The Board of Education indicates that DOE staff are currently studying the issue, and results will be provided in the BOE 2003 annual report. An assessment next winter of the adequacy of the review given to the issue may be useful, with further action taken if the DOE review is not sufficient to answer key questions.	