

TOPIC SELECTION STATUS
November 10, 2003

Study Approved at July 14, 2003 Meeting

Implementation review of the Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA), Investment Board, and Chief Information Officer (SB 1247). The Commission approved this follow-up study at its July 14, 2003 meeting.

Studies Approved at October 14, 2003 Meeting

Child protective services provided by the Department of Social Services. This study proposed by Delegate Parrish was discussed at July and September topic selection meetings and approved in October.

Development of inter-state comparisons of important benchmark areas, emphasis on recognizing effects of car tax and revenue stabilization fund. This study activity proposed by Senator Stosch was discussed at July and September topic selection meetings and approved in October.

Exploratory Study Planning

An examination of higher education tenure policies, particularly post-tenure review, was proposed by Delegate Hargrove and discussed at July and September topic selection meetings. Exploratory review of the topic was begun in September with staff activities in the area reviewed at the October meeting. Exploratory study planning is continuing.

New Item

On November 4, 2003 Secretary of Health and Human Resources, the Honorable Jane H. Woods, requested that JLARC conduct a study focusing on the use and financing of trauma care centers in Virginia hospitals. There were 455,000 trauma admissions to Virginia emergency rooms in 2002, out of a total of 2.5 emergency room admissions. The Secretary requests “an examination of utilization trends for both the number of patients served and the nature of trauma services that are provided statewide, an assessment of the demographics and insurance profile of patients using these services, and an analysis of the financial costs and benefits to the hospitals of providing this type of care in Virginia.”