

LEGISLATION DIRECTING JLARC'S OVERSIGHT WORK

Year	Legislation	Function	Notes
1973	JLARC Enabling Legislation §30-56 to §30-63	JLARC created to review and evaluate the operations and performance of State agencies, programs, and functions.	
1975	Oversight of Internal Service Funds §2.2-803	JLARC has authority to establish new internal service funds and to discontinue those no longer needed. JLARC can also authorize the transfer of excessive service funds to the State General Fund. (Central Warehouse, Bureau of Facilities Management, State Surplus Property, Federal Surplus Property, Office of Graphic Communications, VITA) By policy, the Commission also approves rates.	
1978	Legislative Program Review and Evaluation Act (Scheduling of topics for review and evaluation)	In 1978, JLARC embarked on a unique approach to oversight under the auspices of the Legislative Program Review and Evaluation Act. The Act provides for periodic review and evaluation of selected topics from among all seven program functions of State government: (1) Individual and Family Services, (2) Education, (3) Transportation, (4) Resource and Economic Development, (5) Administration of Justice, (6) Enterprises, and (7) General Government. While the principal function of the Evaluation Act is the scheduling of functional area reviews, it also encourages (1) coordination with the standing committees, (2) agency self-studies, and (3) committee hearings on JLARC reports. The Act does not require or restrict standing committee activities in any way. (In recent years, the Commission has opted to play a direct role in requesting studies through the topic selection process.)	

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1980	<p>§30.58.2 directs JLARC to prepare follow-up studies and reports</p>	<p>The Commission is authorized to request agencies to submit in writing status of actions completed or being taken in response to reports and recommendations previously issued. Every two years staff prepare a <i>Report to the General Assembly</i> (see 2003 draft report).</p>	
1993	<p>§2.2-4005 directs JLARC to review periodically exemptions under the Administrative Process Act</p>	<p>The Commission is authorized to review exemptions under the Administrative Process Act.</p>	
1995	<p>The General Assembly approved the Virginia Retirement System Oversight Act (§30-78 through 30-84 of the Code of Virginia), which directs JLARC to oversee and evaluate the VRS on a continuing basis. Commission receives \$98,000 annually from VRS to support one FTE position.</p>	<p>Work activities of the staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Attend monthly meetings of VRS Board of Trustees and the Investment Advisory Committee. ▪ Prepare VRS Oversight Report semi-annually focusing on VRS investment issues. ▪ Prepare <i>Legislator's Guide to the Virginia Retirement System</i> (on website). ▪ Prepare an actuarial report once every four years, with the assistance of an actuary. ▪ Support budget committee requests for JLARC actuary. 	

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1999	Appropriation Act Item 21D (2003) (Fiscal Analysis)	<p>The fiscal analysis section was established by the 1999 General Assembly, which assigned it two tasks: oversight of expenditure forecasting, and the review of fiscal impact statements upon request of a committee chairman. This mandate continues in Chapter 1042, Item 21D. The section reviews fiscal impact statements each Session, providing a second opinion on the cost of proposed legislation. In addition, a report on expenditure forecasting methods and accuracy for the four largest-budget agencies was issued in 2000.</p> <p>The 2001 General Assembly under §30-58.3 of the <i>Code of Virginia</i> required that JLARC provide an annual report on State spending that identifies the fastest growing programs and analyzes the long-term trends and causes of spending in these programs. Reports were issued in 2001 and 2002, and a third is due in the fall of 2003.</p>	
2003	Appropriation Act Item 21B (2003) (Performance Measures) House Bill 2097 (2003) ("Roadmap to Virginia's Future")	<p>JLARC, upon request of the Department of Planning and Budget and approval by the Chairman, shall review and provide comments to DPB on its use of performance measures.</p> <p>Requires each agency to develop strategic plan information and "performance measure results." Directs JLARC to provide staff assistance to the Council on Virginia's Future.</p>	