

Bibliography of JLARC Reports

Reports from 1975

1. Program Evaluation: The Virginia Community College System, March 1975 (authorized by Section 30-58.1, Code of Virginia) 151 pp. Evaluated Virginia's Community College System, and identified administrative and educational issues requiring attention by VCCS, the Council of Higher Education, and the Legislature.
2. Program Evaluation: Virginia Drug Abuse Control Programs, October 1975 (authorized by Section 30-58.1, Code of Virginia) 201 pp. Evaluated education, law enforcement, adjudication, treatment, and other control functions of the State's drug abuse programs.

Reports from 1976

3. Operational Review: Working Capital Funds in Virginia, February 1976 (authorized by Section 2.1-196.1, Code of Virginia) 70 pp. Assessed the use and management of working capital funds by State agencies and institutions.
4. Special Report: Certain Financial and General Management Concerns, Virginia Institute of Marine Science, July 1976 (authorized by Section 30-58.1, Code of Virginia) 15 pp. A review of VIMS, focusing on financial and management problems.
5. Program Evaluation: Water Resource Management in Virginia, September 1976 (authorized by Section 30-58.1, Code of Virginia) 178 pp. Evaluated State laws and management programs designed to provide protection against flooding, ensure adequate water supplies, and control pollution of Virginia's water resources.
6. Program Evaluation: Vocational Rehabilitation, November 1976 (authorized by Section 30-58.1, Code of Virginia) 130 pp. Evaluated the vocational rehabilitation programs managed by the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation and the Commission for the Visually Handicapped.

Reports from 1977

7. Operational Review: Management of State-Owned Land in Virginia, April 1977 (authorized by Section 30-58.1, Code of Virginia) 64 pp. Assessed the processes for management and disposition of land owned by State agencies and institutions.
8. Program Evaluation: Marine Resource Management Programs in Virginia, June 1977 (authorized by Section 30-58.1, Code of Virginia), 80 pp. Evaluated State programs for managing marine resources and the administrative efficiency of agencies in implementing these programs.
9. Sunset, Zero-Base Budgeting, Evaluation, September 1977 (authorized by House Joint Resolution 178) 84 pp. Transcribed text of a two-day conference sponsored by JLARC on the concepts of Sunset, Zero-Base Budgeting, and Legislative Program Evaluation.

10. Special Report: Use of State-Owned Aircraft, October 1977 (authorized by Section 30-58.1, Code of Virginia), 23 pp. Assessed the cost, utilization, and management of State-owned aircraft. Recommended a needs assessment and the implementation of appropriate policies and guidelines.

11. Zero-Base Budgeting?, December 1977 (authorized by House Joint Resolution 178) 52 pp. Text of prepared remarks and taped testimony from a budget forum held in August 1977 on Zero-Base Budgeting and its potential relevance for use in Virginia.

12. The Sunset Phenomenon, December 1977 (authorized by House Joint Resolution 178), 89 pp. Third and final report of the HJR 178 study. Contains legislation recommended to the General Assembly.

Reports from 1978

13. Long Term Care in Virginia, March 1978 (authorized by Section 30-58.1, Code of Virginia) 110 pp. Assessed the cost and quality of nursing home care and Medicaid funding. First in a series of reports on medical assistance programs.

14. Medical Assistance Programs in Virginia: An Overview, June 1978 (authorized by the 1978 Legislative Program Review and Evaluation Act) 95 pp. A descriptive report which focused on the individual programs that make up the medical assistance system in Virginia. Second in a series of reports on medical assistance programs.

15. Virginia Supplemental Retirement System Management Review, October 1978 (authorized by Section 30-60, Code of Virginia) 96 pp. Provided a management review of the VSRS to complement a financial audit of the system conducted by the State Auditor of Public Accounts.

16. Operational Review: The Capital Outlay Process in Virginia, October 1978 (authorized by Section 30-58.1, Code of Virginia) 94 pp. Reviewed the planning, budgeting, and implementing procedures of the capital outlay process in the State. Focused on authorized construction, and also reported on unauthorized construction activity.

17. Special Study: Camp Pendleton, November 1978 (House Document No. 3 of the 1979 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 14 of the 1978 session), 58 pp. Examined the utilization of Camp Pendleton, the needs of the Virginia National Guard for training facilities, and the needs of adjacent communities for public-purpose land.

Reports from 1979

18. Inpatient Care in Virginia, January 1979 (authorized by Section 30-58.1, Code of Virginia) 118 pp. Reviewed State programs that provide hospital care to the indigent. Third in a series of reports on medical assistance programs.

19. Outpatient Care in Virginia, March 1979 (authorized by Section 30-58.1, Code of Virginia) 73 pp. Reviewed outpatient health care programs provided to the poor by

local health departments. Fourth in a series of reports on medical assistance programs.

20. Management and Use of State-Owned Motor Vehicles, July 1979 (authorized by Section 30-58.1, Code of Virginia) 68 pp. Evaluated the utilization of State-owned passenger vehicles and appropriateness of management procedures.

21. Certificate-of-Need in Virginia, August 1979 (authorized by Section 32-211.17, Code of Virginia) 105 pp. Examined the operation of the Medical Care Facilities, Certificate of Public Need Law to determine if it has served the public interest.

22. Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Extension Division, September 1979 (authorized by Section 30-58.1, Code of Virginia) 118 pp. Reviewed the operation and administration of the VPI&SU Extension Division, focusing on program expansion, duplication of effort, and organization and staffing.

23. Deinstitutionalization and Community Services - Special Report, September 1979 (authorized by Section 30-58.1, Code of Virginia) 84 pp. Assessed release procedures at State institutions for the mentally ill and mentally retarded and the linking of discharged clients with appropriate services. One part of a comprehensive review of the State's mental health care programs.

24. 1979 Report to the General Assembly, August 1979 (authorized by Section 30-58.2, Code of Virginia) 32 pp. Provided general information about the Commission and summarized studies conducted from 1974 through 1979.

25. Homes for Adults in Virginia, December 1979 (authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 133 of the 1979 Session) 73 pp. Evaluated the State's homes for the aged, infirm, and disabled. Examined the licensure and inspection process of the State Department of Welfare and the administration of the auxiliary grant program.

26. Special Study: Federal Funds - Interim Report, December 1979 (House Document No. 16 of the 1980 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 237 of the 1979 Session) 42 pp. Provided background information on the intergovernmental aid system. Reviewed the growth and distribution of federal funds in Virginia.

Reports from 1980

27. Management and Use of Consultants by State Agencies: Operational Review, May 1980 (authorized by Section 30-58.1, Code of Virginia) 73 pp. Assessed the need for and the use of consultants by State agencies. Made recommendations to increase competitive bidding and improve documentation and accountability.

28. The General Relief Program in Virginia, September 1980 (authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 133 of the 1979 Session) 66 pp. Examined the accuracy of the eligibility determination process and assessed key aspects of case management in the Virginia General Relief Program.

29. Federal Funds in Virginia: Special Report, October 1980 (House Document No. 6 of the 1981 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 237 of the 1979 Session) 122 pp. Focused on federal influence over State and local programs and evaluated

the procedures by which federal funds are sought, utilized, monitored, and controlled.

Reports from 1981

30. Federal Funds in Virginia, January 1981 (authorized by House Joint Resolution 237 of the 1979 Session) 20 pp. Summary study that assessed the impact of federal funds on State agencies and local governments. Provided information on the implementation of recommendations from earlier reports on this subject.

31. Methodology for a Vehicle Cost Responsibility Study: Interim Report, January 1981 (Senate Document No. 12 of the 1981 Session, authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 50 of the 1980 Session) 65 pp. Discussed the methodology to be used in carrying out JLARC's vehicle cost responsibility study. Methodology was based on Virginia's highway programs, construction and maintenance standards, and revenue sources.

32. Organization and Administration of the Department of Highways and Transportation: Interim Report, January 1981 (Senate Document No. 14 of the 1981 Session, authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 50 of the 1980 Session) 85 pp. Examined staffing, equipment management, contract administration, construction planning, and fund allocation.

33. Title XX in Virginia, January 1981 (authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 133 of the 1979 Session) 103 pp. Reviewed the use and administration of Title XX funds in Virginia, including the types of clients and services provided, the adequacy of financial controls for the funds, the impact of funding limitations on local welfare agencies, and the adequacy of social service policy.

34. Organization and Administration of Social Services in Virginia, April 1981 (authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 133 of the 1979 Session) 126 pp. Assessed the effectiveness of the Department of Welfare in providing support and oversight of welfare programs. Evaluated child care centers and family day care homes to determine the adequacy of the licensing process.

35. 1981 Report to the General Assembly, July 1981 (2nd Biennial Report, authorized by Section 30-58.2, Code of Virginia), 38 pp. Summarized studies conducted by JLARC from its inception through 1981. Focused on agency responses to oversight findings and recommendations.

36. Highway and Transportation Programs in Virginia: A Summary Report, November 1981 (Senate Document No. 6 of the 1982 Session, authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 50 of the 1980 Session) 57 pp. Summarized the studies conducted under SJR 50, which focused on the administration of the DHT, highway and transit need, revenues and methods of financing, and the fair apportionment of costs among different vehicle classes. Highlighted the principal findings and recommendations of each study.

37. Organization and Administration of the Department of Highways and Transportation, November 1981 (Senate Document No. 7 of the 1982 Session, authorized by

Senate Joint Resolution 50 of the 1980 Session) 132 pp. Evaluated the efficiency and effectiveness of DHT's management and administrative processes, the adequacy of the department's organizational structure, and selected operational issues.

38. Highway Construction, Maintenance, and Transit Needs in Virginia, November 1981 (Senate Document No. 8 of the 1982 Session, authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 50 of the 1980 Session) 78 pp. Assessed highway construction needs, including construction of new highways, maintenance of existing roads, and public transportation. Provided funding options for consideration by the Legislature.

39. Vehicle Cost Responsibility in Virginia, November 1981 (Senate Document No. 13 of the 1982 Session, authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 50 of the 1980 Session) 85 pp. Presented findings and conclusions of an analysis of highway tax equity. An empirical investigation of the relationship between costs for construction and maintenance and revenues generated by various vehicle classes.

40. Highway Financing in Virginia, November 1981 (Senate Document No. 14 of the 1982 Session, authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 50 of the 1980 Session) 103 pp. Analyzed methods of financing highway needs in Virginia by an examination of the State's highway financing structure and tax structure. Presented estimates of future revenues to be generated by taxes and offered financing alternatives.

Reports from 1982

41. Publications and Public Relations of State Agencies in Virginia, January 1982 (Senate Document No. 23 of the 1982 Session, authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 166 of the 1981 Session) 115 pp. Assessed the value of the publications of State agencies, and other public relations efforts. Recommended changes in reporting requirements to achieve savings.

42. Occupational and Professional Regulatory Boards in Virginia, January 1982 (Senate Document No. 29 of the 1982 Session, authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 50 of the 1980 Session) 163 pp. Examined occupational and professional regulatory boards in Virginia. Provided baseline data on each board and areas of special legislative interest.

43. The CETA Program Administered by Virginia's Balance-Of-State Prime Sponsor, May 1982 (House Document No. 3 of the 1983 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 268 of the 1981 Session) 128 pp. Assessed the effectiveness of CETA programs through a review of adult training contracts and client follow-up.

44. Working Capital Funds in Virginia, June 1982 (House Document No. 4 of the 1983 Session, authorized by Section 2.1-196.1, Code of Virginia) 89 pp. Reviewed Virginia's working capital funds and evaluated selected areas of management of each of the five funds in existence at that time: Computer Services, Systems Development, Telecommunications, Central Warehouse, and Graphic Communications.

45. The Occupational and Professional Regulatory System in Virginia, December 1982 (Senate Document No. 3 of the 1983 Session, authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 50 of the 1980 Session) 136 pp. Evaluated Virginia's system for occupational

regulation, including 29 regulatory boards, the Board and Department of Commerce, and the Commission and Department of Health Regulatory Boards. Reviewed administrative rulemaking, enforcement of laws and regulations, and selected aspects of agency management.

46. Interim Report: Equity of Current Provisions for Allocating Highway Construction Funds in Virginia, December 1982 (House Document No. 17 of the 1983 Session, authorized by the 1982 Appropriations Act) 183 pp. Assessed the reasonableness, appropriateness, and equity of statutory provisions for allocating highway construction funds among the various highway systems and localities. (See final report of June 1984, which enlarged this study).

47. Consolidation of Office Space in the Roanoke Area, December 1982 (Senate Document No. 8 of the 1983 Session, authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 29 of the 1982 Session) 66 pp. Examined the feasibility, desirability, and cost effectiveness of consolidating State agency offices located in the Roanoke area. Special attention devoted to a leasing proposal from the City of Roanoke.

Reports from 1983

48. Staffing and Manpower Planning in the Department of Highways and Transportation, January 1983 (House Document No. 18 of the 1983 Session, authorized by Items 649.2 and 649.3 of the Appropriations Act of the 1982 Session) 120 pp. Reviewed the Department of Highways and Transportation's manpower plan, the planning process, and the resulting staffing actions. Identified staffing economies possible through increased productivity and administrative improvements.

49. Consolidation of Office Space in Northern Virginia, January 1983 (Senate Document No. 15 of the 1983 Session, authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 29 of the 1982 Session) 64 pp. Examined the feasibility, desirability, and cost effectiveness of consolidating State agency offices located in Northern Virginia.

50. Interim Report: Local Mandates and Financial Resources, January 1983 (House Document No. 40 of the 1983 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 105 of the 1982 Session) 38 pp. Provided background information and summarized progress toward the final report (see December 1983).

51. Interim Report: Organization of the Executive Branch, January 1983 (House Document No. 37 of the 1983 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 33 of the 1982 Session) 15 pp. Provided background information on the executive branch, and summarized research activities for the series of four final reports (see January 1984).

52. The Economic Potential and Management of Virginia's Seafood Industry, January 1983 (House Document No. 2 of the 1982 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 59 of the 1982 Session) 213 pp. Analyzed the regulation of the commercial fishing and seafood industries in Virginia, assessed their economic potential, and suggested policy alternatives.

53. Follow-Up Report on the Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation, January 1983 (House Document No. 34 of the 1983 Session, authorized by House Bill 532 of the 1982 Session) 26 pp. Evaluated the progress of the department in implementing recommendations made during the 1982 Session to ensure the efficient use of funds for highway construction and maintenance.

54. 1983 Report to the General Assembly, September 1983 (3rd Biennial Report, authorized by Section 30-58.2, Code of Virginia), 38 pp. Summarized studies conducted by the Commission through 1983. Provided a 10-year overview of JLARC's work, organized according to the recurring themes, and spotlighted the importance of sound research methodology.

55. The Virginia Division for Children, December 1983 (House Document No. 14 of the 1984 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 10 of the 1983 Session) 98 pp. A "sunset" study reviewing the operations of the Division and focusing on its administration, effectiveness, and possible overlap with other agencies.

56. The Virginia Division of Volunteerism, December 1983 (Senate Document No. 6 of the 1984 Session, authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 36 of the 1983 Session) 60 pp. A "sunset" study reviewing the operations of the Division and focusing on its administration, effectiveness, and possible overlap with other agencies.

57. State Mandates on Local Governments and Local Financial Resources, December 1983 (House Document No. 15 of the 1984 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 105 of the 1982 Session and House Joint Resolution 12 of the 1983 Session) 218 pp. Reviewed the responsibilities of State and local governments for providing public services, the State's procedures for aiding local governments, the sources of revenue that were or could be allocated to the various types of local governments, and their adequacy. Included fiscal capacity and stress measures for all counties and cities.

Reports from 1984

58. An Assessment of Structural Targets in the Executive Branch of Virginia, January 1984 (House Document No. 20 of the 1984 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 33 of the 1982 Session and House Joint Resolution 6 of the 1983 Session) 134 pp. Examined the organization of the executive branch for the purpose of determining the most efficient and effective structure. Included specific recommendations regarding duplication, fragmentation, and inconsistent alignment.

59. An Assessment of the Secretarial System in the Commonwealth of Virginia, January 1984 (House Document No. 21 of the 1984 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 33 of the 1982 Session and House Joint Resolution 6 of the 1983 Session) 76 pp. Assessed the extent to which (1) the responsibilities and activities of the Governor's secretaries are consistent with the purposes of the system and (2) the structure is useful in effectively managing the State's resources and administrative processes.

60. An Assessment of the Role of Boards and Commissions in the Executive Branch of Virginia, January 1984 (House Document No. 22 of the 1984 Session, authorized

by House Joint Resolution 33 of the 1982 Session and House Joint Resolution 6 of the 1983 Session) 90 pp. Assessed whether the boards' involvements in agency operations are consistent with statute and the management needs of the Commonwealth. Also addressed the relationships of boards, agency directors, and the Governor's secretaries, and the unique contributions of board members.

61. Organization of the Executive Branch in Virginia: A Summary Report, January 1984 (House Document 44 of the 1984 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 33 of 1982 Session and House Joint Resolution 33 of the 1982 Session) 36 pp. A synthesis of the preceding three reports. Highlighted each principal finding and associated recommendations, and included a statement of the actions taken on each.

62. Follow-Up Report on the Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation, January 1984 (letter report, authorized by House Bill of the 1982 Session) 25 pp. Documented the department's progress in implementing previous Commission recommendations, especially in the areas of manpower planning and maintenance operations.

63. Interim Report: Central and Regional Staffing in the Department of Corrections, May 1984 (House Document No. 41, authorized by Item 545.1 of the 1983 Appropriations Act and amended by the 1984 session) 275 pp. Examined the utilization and need within the department for existing and anticipated central office and regional staff. This was the first in a series of related reports examining corrections.

64. Equity of Current Provisions for Allocating Highway and Transportation Funds in Virginia, June 1984 (House Document No. 11 of the 1984 Session, authorized by the 1982 Appropriations Act and expanded by the 1983 Session) 217 pp. Updated the January 1983 interim analysis of construction allocations, and reviewed county maintenance spending, urban street payments, and public transportation assistance.

65. Special Education in Virginia's Training Centers for the Mentally Retarded, November 1984 (Senate Document No. 3 of the 1985 Session, authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 13 of the 1983 Session) 130 pp. Examined eight issues concerned with the operation, funding, and quality of the educational programs for children and youths in mental retardation facilities operated by the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation. (First of two reports).

66. Special Report: ADP Contracting at the State Corporation Commission, November 1984 (House Document No. 4 of the 1985 Session, requested by the Speaker of the House and authorized by the Commission) 40 pp. Examined the SCC's compliance with the Commonwealth's Public Procurement Act and related issues in contracting for automated data systems.

67. Special Education in Virginia's Mental Health Facilities, November 1984 (Senate Document No. 4 of the 1985 Session, authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 13 of the 1983 Session) 148 pp. Examined eight issues concerned with the operation, funding, and quality of educational programs for children and youths in mental health facilities operated by the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation. (Second of two reports.)

68. Special Report: The Virginia State Library's Contract with The Computer Company, November 1984 (House Document No. 5 of the 1985 Session, requested by the Speaker of the House and authorized by the Commission) 34 pp. Examined whether the State Library followed State procedures in awarding the contract to TCC, and whether public libraries were satisfied with the services provided.

69. Special Report: The Virginia Tech Library System, November 1984 (House Document No. 6 of the 1985 Session, requested by the Speaker of the House and authorized by the Commission) 34 pp. Examined the ownership of proprietary rights in the software of a computerized library system, the sharing of royalties with a university employee, and the transfer of the system to the Virginia Tech Foundation for marketing and distribution.

70. Final Status Report: Recommendations Related to the Equity of the Current Provisions for Allocating Highway and Transportation Funds in Virginia, December 1984 (Report to the SJR 20 Joint Subcommittee from the staffs of JLARC and the Department of Highways and Transportation) 55 pp. Summarized results of meetings between JLARC and DHT staff regarding the highway funding equity report (see above, June 1984) and proposed legislation.

Reports from 1985

71. Interim Progress Report: Virginia Housing Development Authority, February 1985 (Senate Document No. 6 of the 1986 Session, authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 7 of the 1984 Session).

72. Special Report: Patent and Copyright Issues in Virginia State Government, March 1985 (House Document No. 31 of the 1985 Session, requested by the Speaker of the House and authorized by the Commission) 54 pp. Examined intellectual property issues related to State agencies and institutions of higher education.

73. Virginia's Correctional System: Population Forecasting and Capacity, April 1985 (House Document 35 of the 1985 Session, authorized by the 1984 Appropriations Act) 174 pp. Calculated the capacity of State prisons and field units. Reviewed DOC's population forecasting model and procedures.

74. The Community Diversion Incentive Program of the Virginia Department of Corrections, April 1985 (House Document 35 of the 1985 Session, authorized by the 1984 Appropriations Act) 174 pp. Reviewed the effectiveness of the CDI programs designed to divert offenders from State prisons and local jails.

75. Security Staffing and Procedures in Virginia's Prisons, July 1985 (House Document No. 3 of the 1986 Session, authorized by the 1983 Appropriations Act and amended by the 1984 Session) 300 pp. Examined staffing practices and security procedures both at the system level and in each of Virginia's 15 major correctional facilities.

76. Towns in Virginia, July 1985 (House Document No. 2 of the 1986 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 105 of the 1982 Session and HJR 12 of the 1983

Session) 120 pp. An outgrowth of JLARC's earlier report on State mandates and local fiscal stress, focused on issues of particular concern to towns.

77. Local Fiscal Stress and State Aid, September 1985 (House Document No. 4 of the 1 1986 Session, authorized by the Commission as a follow-up to the 1983 State Mandates report) 86 pp. Provides updated information on local fiscal stress (through FY 1983) and summarizes 1984 and 1985 legislative actions impacting localities.

78. 1985 Report to the General Assembly, September 1985 (4th Biennial Report, authorized by Section 30-58.2, Code of Virginia) 50 pp. Summarized studies conducted by JLARC since the 1983 biennial report, provided updates on agency responses to previous studies, and spotlighted the Legislative Program Review and Evaluation Act.

79. The Virginia Housing Development Authority, October 1985 (Senate Document No. 6 of the 1986 Session, authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 7 of the 1984 Session) 110 pp. Evaluated programs, operations, and management of VHDA. Assessed the extent to which the Authority's programs have benefited persons of low and moderate income.

Reports from 1986

80. Special Report: Cousteau Ocean Center, January 1986 (Senate Document 13 of the 1986 Session, authorized by the Commission under Section 4-5.07 of the Appropriations Act) 22 pp. A special audit of the Cousteau Ocean Center project. Examined the reasonableness of the project's planning and design, and the applicability of the Public Procurement Act.

81. Staff and Facility Utilization by the Department of Correctional Education, February 1986 (House Document No. 32 of the 1986 Session, authorized by Item 618 of the 1985 Appropriations Act) 134 pp. Evaluated the effectiveness of DCE's programs and the adequacy of staff and facilities to carry out these programs.

82. Funding the Standards of Quality - Part 1: Assessing SOQ Costs, February 1986 (Senate Document No. 20 of the 1986 Session, authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 35 of the 1982 Session) 112 pp. First report in a series in response to the findings of the House Joint Resolution 105 Subcommittee. Assessed the costs of implementing existing standards. A comparison report will address concerns related to the equity of distribution of State assistance to the school divisions.

83. Proceedings of the Conference on Legislative Oversight, June 1986 (Conference was required under provisions of Chapter 388 of the 1978 Acts of Assembly) 86 pp. Record of conference examining the accomplishments of the Legislative Program Review and Evaluation Act and oversight issues in general.

84. Staffing in Virginia's Adult Prisons and Field Units, August 1986 (House Document No. 2 of the 1987 Session, authorized by the 1983-85 Appropriations Acts) 166 pp. A report in a series on corrections issues, assessed nonsecurity staffing in the 15 major institutions, and both nonsecurity and security staffing in the 26 field units.

85. Deinstitutionalization and Community Services, October 1986 (Report produced under the mandate of Senate Joint Resolution 42 of the 1984 Session, which created the Commission on Deinstitutionalization and directed JLARC staff to provide technical assistance) 92 pp. Examined client management, community services, housing services, accountability, and the continuum of care in general. Followed up on JLARC's 1979 study of this area.

86. Local Jail Capacity and Population Forecast, December 1986 (House Document No. 16 of the 1987 Session, authorized by the 1983-86 Appropriations Acts) 96 pp. A report in a series on correctional issues. Examines local and State inmate population forecasts, and alternatives for dealing with growing prison and jail populations. Assessed the capacity of local jails.

87. The Capital Outlay Planning Process and Prison Design in the Department of Corrections, December 1986 (House Document No. 12 of the 1987 Session, authorized by the 1983-86 Appropriations Act) 78 pp. A report in a series of corrections issues, evaluated the effectiveness of DOC's capital outlay planning process, prison designs, and maintenance programs.

88. Correctional Issues in Virginia: Final Summary Report, December 1986 (House Document No. 18, authorized by the 1983-86 Appropriations Acts) 48 pp. Ninth and final report in the series, focused on the "big picture" in corrections, and synthesized the findings from previous studies.

89. Organization and Management Review of the State Corporation Commission, December 1986 (House Document No. 15 of the 1987 Session, authorized by Item 11 of the 1985 Appropriations Act) 112 pp. Examined the SCC's organization and general management, financial management, personnel and staffing practices, and compliance with legislative intent.

Reports from 1987

90. Special Report: Collection of Southeastern Americana at the University of Virginia's Alderman Library, May 1987 (Performed under the general powers and duties of the Commission as specified in Section 30-58.1 of the Code of Virginia) 41 pp. Reviewed the procurement and management of a special collection of books at the library, in response to allegations that funds had been inappropriately spent.

91. An Assessment of Eligibility for State Police Officers Retirement System Benefits, June 1987 (House Document No. 2 of the 1988 Session, authorized by Item 13 of the 1986 Appropriations Act) 96 pp. Reviewed SPORS and identified the criteria implicit in its establishment as a separate system. On the basis of these criteria, compared other State-compensated law enforcement groups to the State Police.

92. Review of Information Technology in Virginia State Government, August 1987 (Performed under JLARC's authority to monitor internal service funds, as specified in Section 2.1-196 of the Code of Virginia, and authorized by the Commission) 400 pp. A joint executive and legislative initiative. Assessed the success of the consolidation of formerly fragmented services into the Department of Information Technology

and reviewed management of the department. Proposed improvements within both DIT and the user agencies.

93. 1987 Report to the General Assembly, September 1987 (5th Biennial Report, authorized by Section 30-58.2, Code of Virginia) 48 pp. Summarized studies conducted by JLARC since the 1985 biennial report, provided updates on agency responses to previous studies, and spotlighted the recently completed corrections study series.

94. Funding the State and Local Cooperative Health Department Program, December 1987 (Senate Document 16 of the 1988 Session, authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 87 of the 1986 Session) Reviewed the CHD funding formula, examined methods for calculating local shares of program costs, and identified methods for distributing State and local responsibility for program funding.

95. Funding the State and Local Hospitalization Program, December 1987 (Senate Document No. 17 of the 1988 Session, authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 87 of the 1986 Session) 74 pp. Reviewed the formulas used to distribute funds for the State and local hospitalization program. Identified program costs, methods for calculating local shares of the costs, and methods for distributing State and local responsibility for program funding.

96. Internal Service Funds Within the Department of General Services, December 1987 (Senate Document No. 18 of the 1988 Session, conducted as part of JLARC's oversight responsibilities for internal service funds as defined in Section 2.1-196.1 of the Code of Virginia) 110 pp. Reviewed both financial and operational aspects of the five funds within DGS: Central Warehouse, Office of Graphic Communications, State Surplus Property, Federal Surplus Property, and Maintenance and Repair Projects. Assessed rates and charges, fund balances, billing procedures, operational efficiency, and user satisfaction.

97. Funds Held in Trust by Circuit Courts, December 1987 (Senate Document 19 of the 1988 Session, authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 147 of the 1987 Session) 96 pp. Examined funds held in trust by general receivers and clerks of the court, determined the total amount of monies held in trust, assessed current practices of administering the funds, and made recommendations to modify and improve the system.

Reports from 1988

98. Follow-up Review of the Virginia Department of Transportation, January 1988 (Senate Document No. 23 of the 1988 Session, conducted in response to Senate Joint Resolution 7 of the 1986 Special Session) 36 pp. Assessed the Department's response to previous JLARC study recommendations. An appendix to the study contains the Department's own status report.

99. Funding the Standards of Quality - Part II: SOQ Costs and Distribution, January 1988 (Senate Document 25 of the 1988 Session, authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 35 of the 1982 Session) 104 pp. Second report in a series on elementary and secondary education in Virginia. Whereas the first study (February 1986) reviewed methods for calculating the costs of the SOQ, this study broadened the review to in-

clude distribution issues. Methods for calculating SOQ costs were revised, and distribution options were explored.

100. Preliminary Review of State Corporation Commission Computer Procurements and Activities, July 1988.

101. Software Maintenance Contracts at the State Corporation Commission, August 1988.

102. Management and Use of State-Owned Passenger Vehicles, August 1988 (House Document No. 2 of the 1989 Session, conducted under authority of Section 2.1-196.1 of the Code of Virginia, which directs JLARC to monitor internal service funds) 104 pp. Reviewed progress made in implementing the recommendations of JLARC's 1979 study of the Central Garage, and examined new issues related to the Garage's 1984 designation as an internal service fund.

103. Technical Report: The State Salary Survey Methodology, October 1988 (House Document No. 5 of the 1989 Session, authorized by Item 13 of the 1988 Appropriations Act) 106 pp. Reviewed methods used to compile and evaluate data reported in the State annual salary survey, examined methods used to determine the annual salary structure adjustment for State employees, and made recommendations for improving these methods.

104. Review of the Division of Crime Victims' Compensation, December 1988 (House Document No. 17 of the 1989 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 184 of the 1988 Session) 106 pp. Reviewed the Crime Victims' Compensation program within the Department of Workers' Compensation, focusing on improving the administration of the CVC Act, particularly the processing of crime victims' claims.

Reports from 1989

105. Review of Community Action in Virginia, January 1989 (House Document No. 43 of the 1989 Session, authorized by Item 469 of the 1987 Appropriations Act) 134 pp. A performance audit and review of the programs and activities of Community Action Agencies. Made recommendations to improve oversight by the Department of Social Services and accountability in individual community action agencies.

106. Interim Report: Status of Part-Time Commonwealth's Attorneys, January 1989 (House Document 49 of the 1989 Session, authorized by Item 13 of the 1988 Appropriations Act and Senate Joint Resolution 55 of the 1988 Session) 32 pp. First report in a series on workload standards and staffing for constitutional officers in Virginia. Addressed the issue of part-time Commonwealth's attorney status.

107. Progress Report: Regulation of Child Day Care in Virginia, January 1989 (House Document No. 46 of the 1989 Session, required by Senate Joint Resolution 41 and House Joint Resolution 116 of the 1988 Session) 9 pp. Provided background information on the nature of child day care in Virginia. Summarized the main issues and research activities that would be reported on in the full study, to be completed before the 1990 Session.

108. Regulation and Provision of Child Day Care in Virginia, September 1989 (House Document 3 of the 1990 Session, authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 41 and House Joint Resolution 116 of the 1988 Session) 172 pp. Reviews State regulation of child day care as well as methods for improving the availability and quality of child care in Virginia.

109. 1989 Report to the General Assembly, September 1989 (6th Biennial Report, authorized by Section 30-58.2, Code of Virginia) 48 pp. Summarized studies conducted by JLARC since the 1987 biennial report, provided updates on agency responses to previous studies, and spotlighted the recently completed review of information technology.

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110. Security Staffing in the Capitol Area, November 1989 (House Document 17 of the 1990 Session, requested by the Speaker of the House and approved by the Commission) 121 pp. Examined alternatives to meet the security needs of agencies in the Capitol area, including a study of the effectiveness of the Capitol Police.

Reports from 1990

111. Interim Report: Economic Development in Virginia, January 1990 (authorized by House Joint Resolution 262 of the 1989 Session) 62 pp. One of three interrelated reports, this special publication consists of invited papers by national authorities on economic development who made presentations to a JLARC workshop, plus an overview of the study activities leading to the other reports in the series.

112. Review of the Virginia Department of Workers' Compensation, February 1990 (House Document 68 of the 1990 Session, authorized by Item 11 of the 1985 Appropriations Act) 147 pp. Performance audit and review of the agency, including claims management and organizational concerns. Final report in a series on independent agencies of State government.

113. Technical Report: Statewide Staffing Standards for the Funding of Sheriffs, February 1990 (House Document 66 of the 1990 Session, authorized by Item 13 of the 1988 and 1989 Appropriations Acts) 71 pp. Second report in a series on workload standards and staffing for constitutional officers in Virginia.

114. Technical Report: Statewide Staffing Standards for the Funding of Commonwealth's Attorneys, March 1990 (House Document 70 of the 1990 Session, author-

ized by Item 13 of the 1988 and 1989 Appropriations Acts) 71 pp. Third report in a series on workload standards and staffing for constitutional officers in Virginia.

115. Technical Report: Statewide Staffing Standards for the Funding of Clerks of Court, March 1990 (House Document 71 of the 1990 Session, authorized by Item 13 of the 1988 and 1989 Appropriations Acts) 71 pp. Fourth report in a series on workload standards and staffing for constitutional officers in Virginia.

116. Technical Report: Statewide Staffing Standards for the Funding of Financial Officers, April 1990 (House Document 75 of the 1990 Session, authorized by Item 13 of the 1988 and 1989 Appropriations Acts) 71 pp. Fifth report in a series on workload standards and staffing for constitutional officers in Virginia.

117. Funding of Constitutional Officers, May 1990 (House Document 81 of the 1990 Session, authorized by Item 13 of the 1988 and 1989 Appropriations Acts) 71 pp. Final report in a series, building on the previous studies of workload standards and staffing for constitutional officers in Virginia. Proposes a more equitable and systematic funding process.

118. Special Report: The Lonesome Pine Regional Library System, September 1990 (Study approved by the Commission after a request from the State Librarian) 110 pp. Addressed performance and management issues in the system, including communication problems, expenditure priorities, and personnel management.

119. Review of the Virginia Community College System, September 1990 (Senate Document 4 of the 1991 Session, authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 135 of the 1989 Session) 133 pp. Followed up on JLARC's 1975 review of the VCCS, focusing on operational concerns and setting priorities for the future.

120. Review of the Funding Formula for the Older Americans Act, November 1990 (House Document 9 of the 1991 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 130 of the 1990 Session) 65 pp. Assessed the appropriateness of the current funding formula and examined alternative factors for use in the formula.

121. Follow-Up Review of Homes for Adults in Virginia, November 1990 (Senate Document 8 of the 1991 Session, authorized by Item 545 of the 1990 Appropriations Act) 89 pp. Follows up on the 1979 JLARC study of the regulation of homes for adults and funding provided residents through the Auxiliary Grants Program. Recommends system-level improvements.

122. Publication Practices of Virginia State Agencies, November 1990 (Senate Document 9 of the 1991 Session, directed by the Commission under Section 30-58.2 of the Code of Virginia) 60 pp. Follows up on the publications portion of a 1982 JLARC study of publications and public relations. Recommends ways to reduce publications expenditures.

Reports from 1991

123. Interim Report: State and Federal Mandates on Local Governments and Their Fiscal Impact, January 1991 (Senate Document 23 of the 1991 Session, authorized

by Senate Joint Resolution 45 and House Joint Resolution 156 of the 1990 Session) 6 pp. Outlines major research activities to be conducted and summarizes the past JLARC studies related to mandates

124. Review of Economic Development in Virginia, January 1991 (House Document 39 of the 1991 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 262 of the 1989 Session) 139 pp. Reviews Virginia's economic development policies and the organization, operations, management, and performance of the Department of Economic Development.

125. State Funding of the Regional Vocational Education Centers in Virginia, January 1991 (House Document 45 of the 1991 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 100 of the 1990 Session) 41 pp. Analyzes the funding of the regional vocational centers, including disbursement methods, expenditure levels, and the proportion of the State commitment.

126. Revenue Forecasting in the Executive Branch: Process and Models, January 1991 (Senate Document 25 of the 1991 Session, authorized by the 1990 Appropriations Act) 53 pp. First report in a series on the executive budget process. Focuses on revenue forecasting issues, including accuracy, the effects of tax policy changes and judgmental inputs, and legislative involvement in the forecasting process.

127. Proposal for a Revenue Stabilization Fund in Virginia, January 1991 (Senate Document 24 of the 1991 Session, authorized by the 1990 Appropriations Act) 53 pp. Second report in a series on the executive budget process. Examines "rainy day" funds as a means of coping with revenue shortfalls. Proposes a revenue stabilization fund with characteristics tailored to the Commonwealth.

128. Catalog of Virginia's Economic Development Organizations and Programs, February 1991 (Authorized by House Joint Resolution 262 of the 1989 Session) 121 pp. Companion document to Review of Economic Development in Virginia. Compilation of information on the hundreds of State and non-State entities involved in economic development.

129. Review of Virginia's Parole Process, July 1991 (Senate Document 4 of the 1992 Session, authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 26 of the 1990 Session), 98 pp. Examines Virginia's parole rates and the activities of the Parole Board and the Department of Corrections in administering the parole review process.

130. Compensation of General Registrars, August 1991 (Senate Document 5 of the 1992 Session, authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 167 of the 1991 Session) 55 pp. Examines the compensation program for General Registrars, specific factors which should be used to determine compensation, and the appropriate State share of these costs.

131. 1991 Report to the General Assembly, September 1991 (7th Biennial Report, authorized by Section 30-58.2, Code of Virginia) 66 pp. Summarizes studies conducted by JLARC since the 1989 biennial report, provides updates on agency responses to previous studies, and spotlights JLARC's child day care study and its results.

132. The Reorganization of the Department of Education, September 1991 (Senate Document 6 of the 1992 Session, authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 57 of the 1990 Session), 90 pp. Assesses the reorganization of the department, including goals, planning, hiring effort, effect on morale, and proposed service delivery mechanisms.

133. Substance Abuse and Sex Offender Treatment Services for Parole Eligible Inmates, September 1991 (Senate Document 8 of the 1992 Session, authorized by the Commission as an extension of the July 1991 Parole Study), 60 pp. Assesses the delivery and adequacy of treatment programs for sex offenders and substance abusers incarcerated in Virginia's prisons, including the assessment process, counselor training, policy concerns, and linkages to parole.

134. Review of Virginia's Executive Budget Process, December 1991 (Senate Document 15 of the 1992 Session, authorized by the 1990 and 1991 Appropriation Acts), 110 pp. Third report in a series reviewing the Commonwealth's executive system of financial planning, execution, and evaluation, with a major focus on the Department of Planning and Budget.

Reports from 1992

135. Interim Report: Review of Virginia's Administrative Process Act, January 1992 (House Document 32 of the 1992 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 397 of the 1991 Session), 33 pp. Provides an overview of the basic structure, features, and stages of the Act, including its historical development. Preliminary study issues are identified.

136. Special Report: Evaluation of a Health Insuring Organization for the Administration of Medicaid in Virginia, January 1992 (House Document 33 of the 1992 Session, authorized by the 1991 Appropriation Act), 30 pp. A report in a series on the Virginia Medicaid program. Evaluates the potential benefits of converting the Virginia program to an insured arrangement, administered by a private insurance company.

137. Review of the Department of Taxation, January 1992 (House Document 49 of the 1992 Session, authorized by the 1991 Appropriation Act), 154 pp. Fourth report in a series reviewing the Commonwealth's executive system of financial planning, execution, and evaluation, focusing on the Department of Taxation's compliance revenue collection efforts as a means to help close the "tax gap."

138. Interim Report: Review of the Virginia Medicaid Program, February 1992 (Senate Document 27 of the 1992 Session, authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 180 of the 1991 Session), 118 pp. A report in a series on the Virginia Medicaid program. Provides an overview of the program, including expenditures, eligibility, services reimbursed, service providers, the structure for funding services, and recent changes in the program.

139. Catalog of State and Federal Mandates, February 1992 (House Document 53 of the 1992 Session, authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 45 and House Joint Resolution 156 of the 1990 Session), 80 pp. Lists all State and federal mandates on local governments, as the sources of the mandate.

140. Intergovernmental Mandates and Financial Aid to Local Governments, March 1992 (House Document 56 of the 1992 Session, authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 45 and House Joint Resolution 156 of the 1990 Session, and Senate Joint Resolution 235 of the 1991 Session), 172 pp. A report in a series on State/local relations. Follows up on JLARC's 1983 mandates report, examining issues related to mandates and local financial resources. Presents short- and long-term policy options.

141. Medicaid Asset Transfers and Estate Recovery, November 1992 (Senate Document 10 of the 1993 Session, authorized by the Senate Joint Resolution 91 of the 1991 Session), 60 pp. A report in a series on the Virginia Medicaid program. Examines the extent to which Medicaid applicants use asset transfers to qualify for nursing home benefits, and the need for establishing an estate recovery program.

142. Medicaid-Financed Hospital Services in Virginia, November 1992 (Senate Document 11 of the 1993 Session, authorized by the Senate Joint Resolution 180 of the 1991 Session), 104 pp. A report in a series on the Virginia Medicaid program. Examines issues related to inpatient and outpatient hospital care financed through Medicaid, including program funding and administration.

143. Medicaid-Financed Long-Term Care Services in Virginia, December 1992 (Senate Document 10 of the 1993 Session), authorized by the Senate Joint Resolution 180 of the 1991 Session, 188 pp. A report in a series on the Virginia Medicaid program. Examines those Medicaid services which are primarily targeted to elderly and disabled persons, including nursing home care, institutional care for the mentally retarded, and a diverse array of community-based services.

144. Review Committee Report on the Performance and Potential of the Center for Innovative Technology, December 1992 (Senate Document 16 of the 1993 Session, authorized by the 1992 Appropriation Act), 32 pp. Review of CIT's mission, programs, governance, and accountability by an independent review committee, which was provided support jointly by staff from JLARC and the Department of Planning and Budget.

Reports from 1993

145. Medicaid-Financed Physician and Pharmacy Services in Virginia, January 1993 (Senate Document 29 of the 1993 Session), authorized by the Senate Joint Resolution 180 of the 1991 Session, 118 pp. A report in a series on the Virginia Medicaid program. Presents an analysis of Medicaid physician and pharmacy services, overviews other ambulatory care services provided through Medicaid, and assesses efforts to contain program costs through the post-payment review of program expenditures and the pursuit of third-party liability for services.

146. Review of Virginia's Administrative Process Act, January 1993 (House Document 51 of the 1993 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 397 of the 1991 Session), 140 pp. Examines the efficiency and effectiveness of the Act, which governs the regulatory proceedings of State agencies, and the meaningfulness of public participation in the regulatory process.

147. Interim Report: Review of Inmate Dental Care, January 1993 (House Document 52 of the 1993 Session, authorized by the 1992 Appropriation Act), 54 pp. A report in a series on inmate health care. Focuses on the dental care provided inmates by the Department of Corrections, including internal resources, service and cost monitoring, use of outside providers, and central office oversight.
148. Funding of Indigent Hospital Care in Virginia, March 1993 (Senate Document 36 of the 1993 Session), authorized by the Senate Joint Resolution 180 of the 1991 Session, 118 pp. A report in a series on the Virginia Medicaid program. Examines indigent care appropriations to the State teaching hospitals and the Medical College of Hampton Roads, including scope of services, eligibility, reimbursements rates, and general fund and Medicaid allocation methodologies. Assesses options for optimizing the use of State funds for indigent hospital care.
149. Review of the Virginia Medicaid Program: Final Summary Report, February 1993 (Senate Document 32 of the 1993 Session), authorized by the Senate Joint Resolution 180 of the 1991 Session, 22 pp. Final report in a series on the Virginia Medicaid program. Summarizes findings from the Medicaid reports and examines cross-cutting issues that emerged from the study series.
150. State/Local Relations and Service Responsibilities, March 1993 (Senate Document 37 of the 1993 Session, authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 235 of the 1991 Session), 176 pp. A report in a series on State/local relations. Examines the assignment of service and funding responsibilities between the State and local governments, and the adequacy of the local tax and debt structure. Outlines options for improving service and funding structures to address future conditions and problems.
151. 1993 Update: Catalog of State and Federal Mandates on Local Governments, June 1993 (House Document 2 of the 1994 Session), authorized by the Senate Joint Resolution 45 and House Joint Resolution 156 of the 1990 Session, 80 pp. A report in a series on State/local relations. Updates the first edition of the mandates catalog, and includes fiscal impact statements for new mandates.
152. 1993 Report to the General Assembly, September 1993 (8th Biennial Report, authorized by Section 30-58.2, Code of Virginia) 66 pp. Summarizes studies conducted by JLARC since the 1991 biennial report, provides updates on agency responses to previous studies, and spotlights JLARC's medicaid study series. This special edition also provides a 20-year overview of the Commission and its work.
153. Evaluation of Inmate Mental Health Care, October 1993 (House Document 5 of the 1994 Session, authorized by Item 15 of the 1992 Appropriation Act), 56 pp. A report in a series inmate health care. Assesses cost effectiveness and adequacy of mental health services provided to inmates, and identifies options for restraining growth of costs and improving treatment delivery.
154. Review of Inmate Medical Care and DOC Management of Health Services, October 1993 (House Document 10 of the 1994 Session, authorized by Item 15 of the 1992 Appropriation Act), 154 pp. A report in a series inmate health care. Focuses on the Department of Corrections' management and delivery of inmate medical care,

including inmate access to care, cost-saving opportunities, and DOC attempts at privatization.

155. Local Taxation of Public Service Corporation Property, November 1993 (Senate Document 8 of the 1994 Session, authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 309 of the 1993 Session), 47 pp. Examines the effect of local property tax rates on the utility rates of public service corporations (PSCs), the relationship between local property tax rates and the value of PSC property, and alternative methods of taxing PSC property.

156. Review of the Department of Personnel and Training, December 1993 (Senate Document 15 of the 1994 Session, authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 279 and House Joint Resolution 677 of the 1993 Session), 126 pp. Focuses on the organization and management of the department and its roles in the Commonwealth's personnel function, including training, health benefit services, compensation and classification services, and information management.

Reports from 1994

157. Review of the Virginia Retirement System, January 1994 (House Document 52 of the 1994 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 392 of the 1993 Session), 100 pp. A report in a series on the VRS. Reviews the structure and governance of the system, investment practices and performance, and the actuarial soundness of the retirement funds. Summarizes assessments by JLARC staff and by investment and actuarial consultants.

158. The Virginia Retirement System's Investment in the RF&P Corporation, December 1993 (House Document 53 of the 1994 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 392 of the 1993 Session), 92 pp. A report in a series on the VRS. Focuses specifically on one of VRS' major investments, the 1991 acquisition of the RF&P Corporation, including the VRS Board's role in the purchase, the soundness of the investment, and the use of a holding company to manage the State's interest in RF&P.

159. Review of the State's Group Life Insurance Program for Public Employees, January 1994 (Senate Document 43 of the 1994 Session, authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 251 of the 1993 Session), 33 pp. A report in a series on the VRS. Reviews the funding and rate structure of the group life insurance program administered by the VRS.

160. Interim Report: Review of the Involuntary Civil Commitment Process, February 1994 (House Document 77 of the 1994 Session, authorized by Item 15 of the 1993 Appropriation Act), 28 pp. Examines the fiscal issues related to the involuntary civil commitment fund, a fund established by the General Assembly to pay for the medical and legal costs associated with the temporary detention period and the commitment hearing.

161. Special Report: Review of the 900 East Main Street Building Renovation Project, March 1994 (Senate Document 55 of the 1994 Session, authorized by the Commission at the request of the Senate Finance Compensation and General Govern-

ment Subcommittee), 46 pp. Examines the problems that occurred in the renovation of the 900 East Main Street Building, including the procurement of contractor services and the planning and management of the project.

162. Review of State-Owned Real Property, October 1994 (Senate Document 7 of the 1995 Session, authorized by Item 15 of the 1993 Appropriation Act and Senate Joint Resolution 239 of the 1993 Session), 78 pp. Examines the management and disposition of State-owned real property, and inventories and estimates the market value of potentially surplus real property.

163. Review of Regional Planning District Commissions in Virginia, November 1994 (Senate Document 15 of the 1995 Session, authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 310 of the 1993 Session), 80 pp. A report in a series on the State/local relations. Reviews the role of PDCs in relation to State and local governments, including regional priorities and performance, as well as potential future directions.

164. Review of the Involuntary Commitment Process, December 1994 (House Document 8 of the 1995 Session, authorized by Item 15 of the 1993 and 1994 Appropriation Acts), 87 pp. Examines operational and policy issues involving the involuntary mental commitment process, including fund oversight, transportation concerns, detention criteria, and prescreening and hearing procedures.

165. Oversight of Health and Safety Conditions in Local Jails, December 1994 (Senate Document 17 of the 1995 Session, authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 91 of the 1994 Session), 82 pp. Assesses the effectiveness of the Department of Corrections in ensuring appropriate health and safety conditions in jails. Considers current DOC standards, the effects of overcrowding, and the roles of the Department of Health and the Department of Youth and Family Services.

Reports from 1995

166. Solid Waste Facility Management in Virginia: Impact on Minority Communities, January 1995 (House Document 33 of the 1995 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 529 of the 1993 Session), 122 pp. Studies the practices related to siting, monitoring, and cleanup of solid waste facilities in Virginia, focusing on the impact of these activities on minority communities. Assesses oversight by the Department of Environmental Quality, and examines statewide landfill capacity.

167. Review of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, January 1995 (Senate Document 36 of the 1995 Session, authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 18 of the 1988 Session and SJR 135 of the 1989 Session), 86 pp. Focuses on SCHEV's coordinative roles in higher education, including system oversight, enrollment projections, evaluation of program productivity, assessment of student achievement, and student transfer issues.

168. Costs of Expanding Coastal Zone Management in Virginia, February 1995 (Senate Document 50 of the 1995 Session, authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 43 of the 1994 Session), 37 pp. Examines the potential cost impacts in Virginia of increasing the scope of nonpoint pollution management measures, as promoted by the federal Coastal Zone Management Act. Considers alternative geographic zones for

implementation, the considerable impact of retrofitting existing onsite disposal systems, and funding at risk from non-implementation.

169. VRS Oversight Report No. 1: The VRS Investment Program, March 1995 (authorized by Section 30-78 et seq. of the Code of Virginia, which requires JLARC to provide the General Assembly with oversight capability concerning the Virginia Retirement System), 16 pp. Provides a summary update of VRS investment policies, procedures, and performance, including asset allocation, long-term assets and liabilities, and short-term investments and liquidity.

170. VRS Oversight Report No. 2: The VRS Disability Retirement Program, March 1995 (authorized by Section 30-78 et seq. of the Code of Virginia, which requires JLARC to provide the General Assembly with oversight capability concerning the Virginia Retirement System), 24 pp. Examines the Operation and administration of VRS' disability retirement program, including structure and organization, demographic and financial characteristics, and disability determination. Also examines the extent to which disability retirees receive other income through employment.

171. VRS Oversight Report No. 3: The 1991 Early Retirement Incentive Program, May 1995 (authorized by Section 30-78 et seq. of the Code of Virginia, which requires JLARC to provide the General Assembly with oversight capability concerning the Virginia Retirement System), 15 pp. Examines the design and implementation of the 1991 early retirement program, including the experience of selected State agencies and political subdivisions, and immediate savings versus long-term costs.

172. Review of Capital Outlay in Higher Education, June 1995 (Senate Document 3 of the 1996 Session, authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 135 of the 1989 Session), 84 pp. A report in a series on higher education. Examines the capital outlay process as it applies to higher education, including master planning, the roles played by the various involved agencies, and maintenance needs.

173. The Concept of Benchmarking for Future Government Actions, July 1995 (House Document 2 of the 1996 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 107 of the 1994 Session), 62 pp. Examines performance measurement and best practice benchmarking and their shared goal: organizational improvement with an increasing emphasis on outcomes. Assesses the potential for applying these processes in Virginia State government.

174. 1995 Report to the General Assembly, September 1995 (9th Biennial Report, authorized by Section 30-58.2, Code of Virginia) 54 pp. Summarizes studies conducted by JLARC since the 1993 biennial report, provides updates on agency responses to previous studies, and spotlights JLARC's studies of the Virginia Retirement System.

175. VRS Oversight Report No. 4: Semi-Annual VRS Investment Report, September 1995 (authorized by Section 30-78 et seq. of the Code of Virginia, which requires JLARC to provide the General Assembly with oversight capability concerning the Virginia Retirement System), 15 pp. Second in a series of continuing investment reports to be issued semi-annually. Provides an update on implementation of the VRS asset allocation policy, reviews the monitoring of investment risks posed by the use

of derivatives, compares investment returns to established benchmarks, and examines projected benefit expenses and contributions.

176. Follow-up Review of Community Action in Virginia, September 1995 (House Document 4 of the 1996 Session, authorized by Item 15C of the 1994 Appropriation Act), 80 pp. Follows up on the 1989 JLARC review of community action in Virginia. Makes recommendations to improve oversight by the Department of Social Services and accountability in individual community action agencies.

177. Assessment of DPB's Methodology to Review the Impact of Regulations, October 1995 (authorized by Item 332G of the 1995 Appropriation Act), 19 pp. This is a staff memorandum which examines the Department of Planning and Budget's progress in establishing regulatory impact analysis. Considers areas in which the methodology appears uncertain or unclear from submitted documentation, and indicates why more information about implementation of the methodology is needed.

178. Technical Report: The Cost of Competing in Standards of Quality Funding, October 1995 (Senate Document No. 8 of the 1996 Session, authorized by Item 15 of the 1995 Appropriation Act), 70 pp. Examines the cost of competing adjustment for personnel in Northern Virginia school divisions. Examines evidence indicating that a cost of competing adjustment is still needed, and alternative options available for refining the adjustment.

179. Review of Jail Oversight and Reporting Activities, October 1995 (House Document No. 8 of the 1996 Session, authorized by Item 15F of the 1995 Appropriation Act), 68 pp. An evaluation of the jail oversight and reporting activities of the Department of Corrections, including an assessment of the most appropriate organizational placement of these activities. Also includes a follow-up of selected recommendations from the 1994 JLARC review of health and safety conditions in local and regional jails.

180. Funding Incentives for Reducing Jail Populations, October 1995 (House Document No. 9 of the 1996 Session, authorized by Item 15 G of the 1995 Appropriation Act), 36 pp. Examines the use of funding incentives to reduce the number of misdemeanants and inmates awaiting trial held in local and regional jails. Includes examples of revised funding methods and estimates of State savings.

181. Juvenile Delinquents and Status Offenders: Court Processing and Outcomes, December 1995 (Senate Document No. 14 of the 1996 Session, authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 263 of the 1995 Session), 136 pp. First report from a review of juvenile justice in Virginia, conducted in two phases. This report focuses on court processing and outcomes for juvenile delinquents and status offenders. Includes an analysis of 3,000 court files examined in court service units across the State.

182. Review of the Virginia State Bar, December 1995 (Senate Document No. 15 of the 1996 Session, authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 263 of the 1995 Session), 128 pp. A comprehensive review of the Virginia State Bar, focusing on funding of the Bar from member fees, structure and implementation of the disciplinary system for attorneys, and the future mission and role of the Bar. The report examines the need

for balance between the Bar's regulatory mission to protect the public and its association-like activities which serve attorneys. Available Documents: Summary Report

183. Interim Report: Consolidating Virginia's Wildlife and Marine Resource Agencies, December 1995 (House Document No. 17 of the 1996 Session, authorized by Item 15E of the 1995 Appropriation Act), 36 pp. This interim report provides an overview of the history of the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries and the Virginia Marine Resources Commission. It includes a discussion of the agencies' missions, organizational structures, funding, and staffing resources. In addition, the report identifies how other coastal states have organized their wildlife and marine resource activities.

Reports from 1996

184. Interim Report: Review of the Department of Environmental Quality, January 1996 (House Document 44 of the 1996 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 531 of the 1995 Session), 176 pp. An interim report focusing on the reorganization of the Department of Environmental Quality. The report makes eight recommendations to improve the department's management of the reorganization as well as overall State policy regarding personnel management.

185. Minority-Owned Business Participation in State Contracts, February 1996 (House Document 53 of the 1996 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 554 of the 1995 Session), 117 pp. A report on the participation of minority-owned businesses in State contracts. The report includes reliable information on the number and magnitude of State contracts with minority-owned businesses. Recommendations in the report relate to improving the process used by the State to report participation.

186. Semi-Annual VRS Investment Report No. 5, May 1996 (authorized by Section 30-78 et seq. of the Code of Virginia, which requires JLARC to provide the General Assembly with oversight capability concerning the Virginia Retirement System), 12 pp. Fifth in a series of continuing reports on VRS investment returns issued semi-annually.

187. Legislator's Guide to the Virginia Retirement System, First Edition -- May 1996 (authorized by Section 30-78E of the Code of Virginia, which requires JLARC to provide the General Assembly with oversight capability concerning the Virginia Retirement System), 145 pp. A comprehensive reference document on the Virginia Retirement System for use by legislators and others who need accurate information related to VRS governance and administration, benefit structure, investment policy, benefit funding policy, and retirement legislation.

188. Biennial Status Report on the Virginia Retirement System, May 1996 (authorized by Section 30-78 et seq. of the Code of Virginia, which requires JLARC to provide the General Assembly with a biennial status report on the the Virginia Retirement System), 22 pp. Biennial status report on VRS which focuses on improved service delivery, the transition of some benefit programs, and benefit funding policy.

189. Special Report: Review of the ADAPT System in the Department of Social Services, June 1996 (House Document 3 of the 1997 Session, authorized by Item 15 of House Bill 29, 1996 Session), 98 pp. A special report on the development and initial implementation of the Application Benefit Delivery Automation Project, designed to automate the eligibility process in local social service offices for the Food Stamp, Aid to Families with Dependent Children, and Medicaid programs. The report identifies significant problems with the management of the project and recommends a process for evaluating alternatives to the system.

190. Technical Report: Review of the Medicaid Forecasting Methodology, July 1996 (House Document No. 5 of the 1997 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 143 of the 1996 Session), 54 pp. This report assesses the Medicaid forecasting methods used by the Department of Medical Assistance Services and the Department of Planning and Budget. The report includes recommendations on the forecast models and the use of forecasts in the budget process.

191. Review of the Magistrate System in Virginia, August 1996 (House Document No. 11 of the 1997 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolutions 403 and 532 and Senate Joint Resolution 374 of the 1995 Session), 92 pp. Presents findings and recommendations related to the establishment of a full-time magistrate system, the adequacy of compensation for magistrates, and the potential for increased use of videoconferencing by magistrates. The report also addresses issues related to oversight of the system by the Supreme Court.

192. Review of the Virginia Liaison Office, October 1996 (House Document No. 13 of the 1997 Session, authorized by Item 14D of the 1996 Appropriation Act), 55 pp. A review of the mission, operations, organizational structure, and staffing of the Virginia Liaison Office.

Reports from 1997

193. VRS Oversight Report No. 7: Review of VRS Fiduciary Responsibility and Liability, January 1997 (authorized by Section 30-78 et seq. of the Code of Virginia, which requires JLARC to provide the General Assembly with oversight capability concerning the Virginia Retirement System), 20 pp. Seventh in a series of continuing reports issued semi-annually. Provides an analysis of the current risk of liability for VRS trustees and staff, examines sources of protection from liability, and makes recommendations on the prudence standard and legal protections.

194. Feasibility of Consolidating Virginia's Wildlife Resource Functions, December 1996 (House Document No. 44 of the 1997 Session, authorized by Item 15E of the 1995 Appropriation Act and House Joint Resolution No. 173 of the 1996 Session), 137 pp. This report addresses issues related to the consolidation of functions in wildlife management. The specific focus is on wildlife management responsibilities of the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, the Virginia Marine Resources Commission, the Department of Conservation and Recreation, and the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. The report includes recommendations to consolidate some functions of these agencies.

195. The Operation and Impact of Juvenile Corrections Services in Virginia, January 1997 (Senate Document No. 19 of the 1997 Session, authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 263 of the 1995 Session), 102 pp. Second report on juvenile corrections in Virginia, which focuses on the performance of juvenile corrections facilities managed by the Department of Juvenile Justice. The report includes recommendations related to population management practices, rehabilitation programs, long-range planning, and program oversight.

196. Interim Report: The Secretarial System in Virginia, January 1997 (House Document No. 68 of the 1997 Session, authorized by Item 14G of the 1996 Appropriation Act), 14pp. This interim report presents summary information on the background, creation, and evolution of the secretarial system in Virginia.

197. Review of the Department of Environmental Quality, January 1997 (House Document No. 67 of the 1997 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 531 of the 1995 Session), 213 pp. Final report in a series of three reports on DEQ. This report presents findings and recommendations on the organization, operation, and performance of DEQ, focusing on air and water quality programs. The report includes 56 recommendations to improve DEQ performance and the State's ability to protect its air and water resources. Available Documents: Summary Report

198. The Feasibility of Modernizing Land Records in Virginia, January 1997 (Senate Document No. 20 of the 1997 Session, authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 338 of the 1995 Session), 92 pp. Addresses the feasibility of automating land records maintained by Virginia's 121 local circuit court clerks. Includes recommendations on standards for land records, development of technology plans for clerks, and funding of technology initiatives to modernize land records.

199. Review of the Department of Corrections' Inmate Telephone System, January 1997 (House Document No. 70 of the 1997 Session, authorized by Item 14I of the 1996 Appropriation Act), 60 pp. This report examines the telephone system used by inmates in Virginia's correctional institutions, with a focus on the costs and rates charged for use, the financial impact on recipients of calls from inmates, and the need for independent oversight of the system. The report includes comparisons with policies in other states. Recommendations relate to rates charged and administration of the telephone service contract.

200. Virginia's Progress Toward Chesapeake Bay Nutrient Reduction Goals, February 1997 (House Document No. 73 of the 1997 Session, authorized by Item 14C of the 1996 Appropriation Act), 98 pp. This report focuses on Virginia's strategy to reduce nutrients from Virginia's portion of the Potomac River Basin and other tributaries to the Chesapeake Bay. The report addresses the appropriateness of the strategy's point and nonpoint source reductions and key issues impacting future nutrient reduction progress.

201. Semi-Annual VRS Investment Report No. 8, May 1997 (authorized by Section 30-78 et seq. of the Code of Virginia, which requires JLARC to provide the General Assembly with oversight capability concerning the Virginia Retirement System), 4 pp. Eighth in a series of continuing reports on VRS investment returns issued semi-annually.

Reports from 1998

202. Services for Mentally Disabled Residents of Adult Care Residences (House Document 4 of the 1998 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 86 and Senate Joint Resolution 96 of the 1996 Session), 75 pp. Follow-up of a 1990 report reviewing the adequacy of services for residents of ACRs, formerly called homes for adults. Study assesses best methods for providing mental health services and also examines the funding for these services in relation to the levels of care implemented after the previous study.

203. 1997 Report to the General Assembly (10th Biennial Report, authorized by Section 30-58.2, Code of Virginia), 54 pp. Summarizes studies conducted by JLARC since the 1995 biennial report and provides updates on agency responses to previous studies.

204. Follow-Up Review of Child Care in Virginia (House Document 5 of the 1998 Session, authorized by Item 14 J the 1997 Appropriation Act), 68 pp. Follow-up of a 1990 JLARC study. Report focuses on the Department of Social Services in carrying out its three principal roles in child day care: regulation of child care to ensure the health and safety of children, enforcement of child care regulations, and funding of child care for low-income families.

205. Improvement of Hazardous Roadway Sites in Virginia (House Document 13 of the 1998 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 579 of the 1997 Session), 121 pp. A review of the procedures for identifying and funding the improvement of hazardous roadway sites. The study focuses on identifying the roadway sites within each VDOT district that have the highest vehicle accident rate, and reviews the methodology that VDOT uses to make that determination. The report also examines the highway improvements that VDOT has made at each site in order to address safety concerns.

206. Overview: Review of Information Technology in Virginia State Government (House Document 42 of the 1998 Session, authorized by Item 14F of the 1996 Appropriation Act), 52 pp. A summary of the findings and recommendations of a report completed by the Gartner Group for the Commission. Is a comprehensive review of data processing services for State agencies. The report includes an assessment of the structure and organization for information technology in State government, an evaluation of the effectiveness of statewide information technology planning, including the mission and operations of the Council on Information Management, and the feasibility of privatizing services provided by the State data centers.

207. The Secretarial System in Virginia State Government (House Document 41 of the 1998 Session, authorized by Item 14G of the 1996 Appropriation Act), 112 pp. A follow-up review of the 1984 JLARC assessment of the Secretarial system in Virginia. The report includes a discussion of the cabinet system by former governors, a review of the current duties and powers of the secretaries, and an examination of the operations of the secretariats.

208. Review of DOC Nonsecurity Staffing and the Inmate Programming Schedule (House Document 39 of the 1998 Session, authorized by HJR 115 of the 1996 Session), 150 pp. A review of the non-security staffing needs of the Department of Cor-

rections. Includes a review of administrative, health services, and treatment services staff. The report also examines the number of hours of work or other programming provided for inmates. A special review of selected issues related to information systems in DOC is also included.

209. Review of the Comprehensive Services Act (Senate Document 26 of the 1998 Session, authorized by Senate Resolutions 123 and 371 of the 1997 Session), 199 pp. A review of the administration of the Comprehensive Services Act (CSA). The report examines the participants served by the CSA, local implementation and monitoring of CSA, costs of the programs, participant outcomes, and State-level management of CSA. Includes summary data for 1,144 CSA cases examined in the review.

210. Special Report: Status of Automation Initiatives of the Department of Social Services (authorized by a request of the Senate Finance Committee and the House Appropriations Committee), 46 pp. A review of the current status of automated systems in development at the Department of Social Services. The report examines staffing, funding, development, and other issues for new systems such as ADAPT, SACWIS, and APECS.

211. Overview: Year 2000 Compliance of State Agency Systems (House Document 62 of the 1998 Session, authorized by Item 14F of the 1997 Appropriation Act), 16 pp. A summary of the findings and recommendations of a report completed by the Gartner Group for the Commission. The report is a review of the potential risks and costs associated with the year 2000 problems of State agency computer systems.

212. Technical Report: Gender Pay Equity in the Virginia State Workforce, (House Document 40 of the 1998 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 491 of the 1997 Session), 172 pp. Examines salary differences between male and female workers within each State job class, between job classes within each pay grade, between pay grades, and by State agency.

213. Review of the Highway Location Process in Virginia, (House Document 60 of the 1998 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 222 of the 1996 Session), 94 pp. A review of the highway siting process in Virginia. Examines the process used by the Virginia Department of Transportation and includes a detailed case study of the U.S. Route 29 Bypass in Charlottesville. Includes recommendations to improve the location selection process.

214. Semi-Annual VRS Investment Report No. 9 (authorized by Section 30-78 et seq. of the Code of Virginia, which requires JLARC to provide the General Assembly with oversight capability concerning the Virginia Retirement System), 1 p. Ninth in a series of continuing reports on VRS investment returns issued semi-annually.

215. Structure of Virginia's Natural Resources Secretariat (House Document No. 74 of the 1998 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 173 of the 1996 Session and Item 14C of the 1996 Appropriation Act), 80 pp. Presents findings and recommendations concerning the structure of the State's natural resources functions and the fees used by the natural resource agencies. The report also includes a comparison of Virginia's structure to structures in other states.

216. Review of the Virginia Fair Housing Office (House Document No. 76 of the 1998 Session, authorized by Item 14N of the 1997 Appropriation Act), 101 pp. Presents findings and recommendations concerning the Virginia Fair Housing Office. The report includes findings related to complaint processing, conciliation, and investigation. Recommendations for an administrative hearing process are also included.

217. Interim Report: Review of Commercial Driver-Training Schools in Virginia (House Document No. 79 of the 1998 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 470 of the 1997 Session), 16 pp. This interim report provides background information on commercial driver-training schools and the administrative structure for monitoring of schools by the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles.

218. Review of the Department of Conservation and Recreation (House Document No. 80 of the 1998 Session, authorized by Item 14M of the 1997 Appropriation Act), 187 pp. This report is a comprehensive review of the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, with a focus on operation of State parks and soil and water conservation programs. An analysis of progress in completing bond projects for State parks is included. The report also addresses the agency's management and support functions.

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219. Semi-Annual VRS Investment Report No. 10 (authorized by Section 30-78 et seq. of the Code of Virginia, which requires JLARC to provide the General Assembly with oversight capability concerning the Virginia Retirement System), 1 p. Tenth in a series of continuing reports on VRS investment returns issued semi-annually.

220. State Oversight of Commercial Driver-Training Schools in Virginia (House Document 5 of the 1999 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 470 of the 1997 Session), 73 pp. A review of the effectiveness of the State oversight of commercial driver-training schools, including the licensing and monitoring of these schools. The report includes an assessment of the role of commercial driver-training schools in licensing young drivers in Virginia, the adequacy of the standards governing the operation of commercial driver-training schools, and the appropriateness of the Department of Motor Vehicles' monitoring process.

221. The Feasibility of Converting Camp Pendleton to a State Park (House Document No. 11 of the 1999 Session, authorized by Item 16 G -1998 Appropriation Act), 73 pages. A review of the feasibility of converting the State Military Reservation (Camp Pendleton in Virginia Beach) to a State park. The report finds that it is not feasible to convert Camp Pendleton, in its entirety, to a State park, because of current military usage, extensive property encumbrances, and environmental concerns. Conversion of several portions of the camp, including 1200 feet of beachfront, could theoretically be effected. Such action is unlikely, however, because access to the beachfront runs through property owned by U.S. military, which opposes the conversion.

222. Review of the Use of Consultants by the Virginia Department of Transportation (House Document 12 of the 1999 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 263 of the 1998 Session), 74 pp. Report examines the Department of Transportation's

increased use of consultants to perform engineering-related work. The study addressed: the level of consultant use, the necessity of consultant studies, and the quality of project oversight and coordination. Go to the Report Summary. Download the Report in PDF format.

223. Review of the State Board of Elections (House Document 18 of the 1999 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 51 of the 1998 Session), 116 pp. A review of the organization and operations of the State Board of Elections and the Virginia Voter Registration System (VVRS). The report focuses on voter registration processes, including implementation of the National Voter Registration Act. The report examines the relationship between the Board of Elections and the local registrars. The report also examines the adequacy of the VVRS in light of currently available technology.

224. Review of the Department for the Aging (House Document 25 of the 1999 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 209 of the 1998 Session), 51 pp. This report addresses the mission, activities, and effectiveness of the Virginia Department for the Aging, and the priority that has been given to the agency and aging issues in Virginia.

225. Review of Regional Criminal Justice Training Academies (House Document 28 of the 1999 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 285 from the 1998 Session), 56 pp. A review of entry level law enforcement training provided by the ten regional academies. Also assesses the efforts of the Department of Criminal Justice Services to upgrade and standardize the curriculum, training, and testing of entry level law enforcement officers. Available Documents: Summary Report

226. Interim Report: Review of the Health Regulatory Boards (House Document 31 of the 1999 Session,). This report presents interim findings and recommendations from a review of the Virginia Health Regulatory Boards. The report focuses on composition and structure of the boards, licensure and rule-making, financial issues, and the role of the Board of Health Professions. The final report is to focus on the disciplinary system used by the boards.

227. Interim Report: Review of the Functional Area of Health and Human Resources (House Document 38 of the 1999 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 137 from the 1998 Session), 30 pp. The authorizing resolution requires a review of certain issues pertaining to the functional area of health and human resources. The interim report provides an overview of the health and human resources secretariat, describes trends in secretariat staffing and funding, and contains a brief discussion of potential issues for the full JLARC review to meet the study mandate.

228. Virginia's Welfare Reform Initiative: Implementation and Participant Outcomes (Senate Document 21 of the 1999 Session, authorized by Item 14 L and Item 14 O of the 1997 Appropriation Act), 120 pp. A status report, based on research conducted during 1998, on the early implementation and outcomes of welfare reform in Virginia. The report also addresses state-level job development strategies for welfare reform and the use of employment incentives.

229. Semi-Annual VRS Investment Report No. 11 (authorized by Section 30-78 et seq. of the Code of Virginia, which requires JLARC to provide the General Assembly with oversight capability concerning the Virginia Retirement System), 1 p. Eleventh in a series of continuing reports on VRS investment returns issued semi-annually.

230. Legislator's Guide to the Virginia Retirement System, Second Edition -- May 1999 (authorized by Section 30-78E of the Code of Virginia, which requires JLARC to provide the General Assembly with oversight capability concerning the Virginia Retirement System), 139 pp. A comprehensive reference document on the Virginia Retirement System for use by legislators and others who need accurate information related to VRS governance and administration, benefit structure, investment policy, benefit funding policy, and retirement legislation.

231. Preliminary Inquiry: DEQ and VDH Activities to Identify Water Toxic Problems and Inform the Public, July 1999 (Special inquiry, authorized by JLARC at the May 1999 Commission meeting), memorandum report, 54 pp. An inquiry into the timeliness with which the Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Health responded to data that raised possible concerns about environmental quality, and the State's performance in making water toxics information available to the public.

232. Semi-Annual VRS Investment Report No. 12 (authorized by Section 30-78 et seq. of the Code of Virginia, which requires JLARC to provide the General Assembly with oversight capability concerning the Virginia Retirement System), 2 pp. Twelfth in a series of continuing reports on VRS investment returns issued semi-annually.

233. Final Report: Review of the Health Regulatory Boards, August 1999 (House Document 5 of the 2000 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 139 of the 1998 Session and Item 16 of the 1998 Appropriation Act) 150 pp. Reviews the effectiveness of the 12 citizen boards that regulate health professionals in the State. Examines whether the disciplinary system adequately protects the public, as well as the rights of health care practitioners. See also the interim report for other areas assessed.

234. 1999 Report to the General Assembly (11th Biennial Report, authorized by Section 30-58.2, Code of Virginia), 112 pp. Summarizes studies conducted by JLARC since the 1997 biennial report and provides updates on agency responses to previous studies.

235. Competitive Procurement of State Printing Contracts, September 1999 (House Document 8 of the 2000 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 810 of the 1999 Session), 65 pp. Examines competitive sealed bidding procedures used by the Department of General Services' Division of Purchases and Supply in procuring printing goods for State agencies.

236. Review of Undergraduate Student Financial Aid in Virginia's Public Institutions, October 1999 (House Document 11 of the 2000 Session, authorized by Item 16J of the 1999 Appropriation Act), 72 pp. Reviews the policies and administration of two types of student financial aid programs: (1) need-based financial aid, and (2) merit and incentive scholarships.

237. Review of Air Medevac Services in Virginia, October 1999 (House Document 14 of the 2000 Session, authorized by Item 16I of the 1998 Appropriation Act), 40 pp. Examines the coverage, consistency, and coordination of air medevac services in Virginia, with emphasis on funding for providers and the continued availability of service statewide.

238. Alternatives to Stabilize Regional Criminal Justice Training Academy Membership, November 1999 (Senate Document 7 of the 2000 Session, authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 411), 28 pp. With the assistance of the Department of Criminal Justice Services, studies methods to stabilize the membership of the State's ten regional criminal justice training academies. This review was in response to a 1998 JLARC study which found that changes in academy membership in recent years created financial and operational problems for academies.

239. The Impact of Digital TV on Public Broadcasting in Virginia, November 1999 (House Document 20 of the 2000 Session, authorized by Item 16F of the 1999 Appropriation Act), 59 pp. Examines the implications of the Federal Communications Commission's requirement that public broadcasting stations begin digital transmission of television programs by 2003. The report includes an assessment of the Virginia stations' use of existing funding from the State and recommends alternatives for funding the digital conversion.

240. Review of the Statewide Human Services Information and Referral Program in Virginia, November 1999 (House Document 21 of the 2000 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 502 of the 1999 Session), 47 pp. Evaluates the efficiency and effectiveness of the information and referral centers in Virginia. Includes alternative arrangements that might improve citizen access to the available services.

241. Review of the Impact of State-Owned Ports on Local Governments, December 1999 (House Document 39 of the 2000 Session, authorized by Item 16N of the 1999 Appropriation Act), 77 pp. Reviews the fiscal impact of State-owned ports on the host localities. Evaluates whether localities receive sufficient benefits and State funding to compensate for their loss of local tax and other revenues.

242. Review of the Use of Grievance Hearing Officers, December 1999 (House Document 48 of the 2000 Session, authorized by Item 16O of the 1999 Appropriation Act), 78 pp. Studies the State employee grievance hearing process. Specifically addresses the Department of Employee Relations Counselors' management of the hearing process, and the selection and use of hearing officers.

Reports from 2000

243. Virginia's Medicaid Reimbursement to Nursing Facilities, January 2000 (Senate Document 28 of the 2000 Session, authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 463 of the 1999 Session), 112 pp. Examines the Virginia Medicaid program's methodology for determining nursing facility reimbursements. Includes a comparison between Virginia's approach and those of other states; an evaluation of the adequacy of reimbursement levels for providing quality care; an examination of ways to simplify the reimbursement process; and a determination of the extent to which patient acuity levels are factored into current and proposed reimbursement approaches.

244. Review of the Performance and Management of the Virginia Department of Health, January 2000 (House Document 59 of the 2000 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 137 of the 1998 Session and Item 16L of the 1999 Appropriation Act), 108 pp. Reviews the performance and management of the Virginia Department of Health. Examines the effectiveness of the agency's public health functions and the agency's overall organizational structure.

245. VRS Biennial Status and Semi-Annual VRS Investment Report No. 13 (authorized by Section 30-78 et seq. of the Code of Virginia, which requires JLARC to provide the General Assembly with oversight capability concerning the Virginia Retirement System), 16 pp. Combined biennial status report and thirteenth in a series of continuing reports on VRS investment returns issued semi-annually. Examines the VRS investment program, program administration, employer contribution rates, and the VRS administered deferred compensation plan.

246. Interim Report: Review of the Virginia Housing Development Authority, January 2000 (House Document 69 of the 2000 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 731 of the 1999 Session), 15 pp. This interim report provides background information on the Virginia Housing Development Authority and housing programs in Virginia.

247. Special Report: Review of the On-Line Automated Services Information System (OASIS) at the Department of Social Services, February 2000 (completed at the request of the Co-Chairmen of the House Appropriations Committee), 20 pp. A review of the functionality and usability of the automated system used by local social services for child welfare programs in Virginia. Also examines funding for the system.

248. Interim Report: Child Support Enforcement, January 2000 (Senate Document 42 of the 2000 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 553 of the 1999 Session), 68 pp. Reports on the first phase of a two-phase study, with a focus on caseload and funding of the child support enforcement program in Virginia.

249. Interim Special Report: Revolutionary War Veteran Gravesites in Virginia, February 2000 (Senate Document 91 of the 2000 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 530 and Senate Joint Resolution 345 of the 1999 Session), 219 pp. An interim report on the first phase of a review to document Revolutionary War veteran graves in Virginia. Discusses work completed to date and includes appendixes which list gravesites by veteran name and locality of burial.

250. Semi-Annual VRS Investment Report No. 14, July 2000 (authorized by Section 30-78 et seq. of the Code of Virginia, which requires JLARC to provide the General Assembly with oversight capability concerning the Virginia Retirement System), 3 pp. Fourteenth in a series of continuing reports on VRS investment returns issued semi-annually.

251. Final Report: Review of the Virginia Housing Development Authority, August 2000 (House Document 2 of the 2001 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 731 of the 1999 Session), 102 pp. A review of VHDA programs and administration. Includes an evaluation of the single-family loan program, the multi-family housing

programs, and the federal Section 8 program administered statewide by VHDA. Also examines VHDA's mission to serve moderate and low income Virginians.

252. Technical Status Report: An Overview of Expenditure Forecasting in Four Major State Programs, August 2000 (House Document 3 of the 2001 Session, authorized by Item 16 K of the Appropriation Act), 72 pp. First in a series of reports examining the forecasting methods and processes for expenditures in State programs. Reviews the forecasting for elementary and secondary education enrollments, higher education enrollment, Medicaid expenditures, and corrections inmate populations.

253. Virginia's Welfare Reform Initiative: Follow-Up of Participant Outcomes, October 2000 (House Document 14 of the 2001 Session, authorized by Item 16 M of the 1999 Appropriation Act), 37 pp. This study provides an update of welfare reform (VIEW) outcomes reported in JLARC's initial study through the use of 12 additional months of wage and benefits data.

254. Technical Report: The Costs of Raising Children, November 2000 (Senate Document 9 of the 2001 Session, authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 192 of the 2000 Session), 47 pp. An examination of the costs of raising children when parents live in separate households in order to develop data to be used in determining appropriate child support amounts. Demonstrates how current nationwide data can be used to estimate expenditures on children.

255. Final Report: Child Support Enforcement, November 2000 (House Document 15 of the 2001 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 553 of the 1999 Session), 104 pp. A comprehensive review of the Virginia Child Support Enforcement Program, including program performance, staffing, and improvements possible with technology, program changes, and funding. Also examines the staffing and performance of privatized child support enforcement district offices.

256. Review of the Medicaid Inpatient Hospital Reimbursement System, December 2000 (House Document 25 of the 2001 Session, authorized by Item 20 K of the 2000 Appropriation Act), 55 pp. A review of the rate-setting methodology and adequacy of payments for Medicaid inpatient hospital reimbursement. Examines implementation of the prospective DRG payment system by the Department of Medical Assistance Services.

257. Special Inquiry: A Review of Child Support Enforcement and the Judicial Process, December 2000 (authorized by the Commission in October 2000 as a follow-up to Final Report: Child Support Enforcement, H.D. 15), 28 pp. A follow-up review to determine whether additional partnerships could decrease caseloads, increase federal incentives, and reduce the amount of delinquent child support owed to children in Virginia. Focused on the primary partners in the collection of child support through the judicial process: the Division of Child Support Enforcement, the courts, and the sheriffs.

Reports from 2001

258. Review of Construction Costs and Time Schedules for Virginia Highway Projects, January 2001 (House Document 31 of the 2001 Session, authorized by the

Commission upon request of members of the House Appropriations Committee), 58 pp. Examines the costs and time schedules for highway projects. Identifies the causes for cost overruns and time delays. Estimates the potential underestimate of funding needed for the Six Year Improvement Program. Provides a detailed examination of the Springfield Interchange project in Northern Virginia.

259. Review of VDOT's Administration of the Interstate Asset Management Contract, January 2001 (authorized by the Commission), 35 pp. A review of the Department of Transportation's ability to assess contractor performance and identify cost savings from the asset management contract for portions of Virginia interstate highways.

260. Semi-Annual VRS Investment Report No. 15, December 2000 (authorized by Section 30-78 et seq. of the Code of Virginia, which requires JLARC to provide the General Assembly with oversight capability concerning the Virginia Retirement System), 2 pp. Fifteenth in a series of continuing reports on VRS investment returns issued semi-annually.

261. Review of the RMA and Powhite Parkway Extension Toll Facility Operations, January 2001 (House Document No. 33 of the 2001 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 64 of the 2000 Session), 98 pp. Examines the operations and financing of the Richmond Metropolitan Authority toll facilities and the Powhite Parkway Extension operated by the Virginia Department of Transportation. Presents options for toll-free operation of the facilities.

262. Review of the Virginia Distribution Center, January 2001 (House Document No. 34 of the 2001 Session, authorized by Item 20G of the 2000 Appropriation Act), 66 pp. A review of government food and housekeeping requirements and procurement. Assesses the extent to which the existing distribution center meets the requirements of State and local agencies. Also examines the operational and financial performance of the distribution center.

263. Review of Elementary and Secondary School Funding: Interim Status Report, January 2001 (House Document No. 39 of the 2001 Session, authorized by the Commission), 19 pp. An interim report which presents background information on school funding, and describes the issues and research activities for the final report.

264. Special Report: Preservation of Revolutionary War Veteran Gravesites, January 2001 (House Document No. 42 of the 2001 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 530 and Senate Joint Resolution 345 of the 1999 Session), 258 pp. A final report on the preservation of Revolutionary War veteran gravesites. Includes an updated list of Revolutionary War veteran burials, and recommendations and funding options for a program to care for these burial sites.

265. Semi-Annual VRS Investment Report No. 16, July 2001 (authorized by Section 30-78 et seq. of the Code of Virginia, which requires JLARC to provide the General Assembly with oversight capability concerning the Virginia Retirement System), 2 pp. Sixteenth in a series of continuing reports on VRS investment returns issued semi-annually.

266. Review of Gubernatorial Separation Authority, June 2001 (authorized by the Commission), pp. 15. A review of the Governor's authority to establish separation packages for agency heads and gubernatorial appointees.

267. Indigent Participation in Medical Research in Virginia's Medical Schools, July 2001 (authorized by the Commission), 45 pp. Examines the adequacy of protections that are provided to human subjects in research studies at the University of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University, and the Eastern Virginia Medical School. Identifies best practices from each school.

268. Review of State Aid to Public Libraries, July 2001 (House Document 3 of the 2002 Session, authorized by Item 20I of the 2000 Appropriation Act), 74 pp. Reviews the formula used to distribute State aid to public libraries in Virginia, including the equity of the State aid formula, and analysis of the population and expenditure caps used, the ability of local governments to fund library services, and the possible inclusion of a construction component in the formula.

269. 2001 Report to the General Assembly, October 2001 (authorized by Section 30-58.2, Code of Virginia), 47 pp. Biennial report that keeps the full Assembly informed of the Commission's work. Explains JLARC's oversight role and summarizes and provides updates on some recent studies. Highlights the "rainy day fund" report, an example of a study that has had long-term positive effects for the State.

270. Semi-Annual VRS Investment Report No. 17, December 2001 (authorized by Section 30-78 et seq., Code of Virginia, which requires JLARC to provide the General Assembly with oversight capability concerning the Virginia Retirement System), 3 pp. Seventeenth in a series of continuing reports on VRS investment returns issued semi-annually.

271. Review of the Virginia Small Business Development Center Program, December 2001 (Senate Document 16 of the 2002 Session, authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 233 of the 2000 Session), 52 pp. A review of the policies and procedures governing the formation and operation of small business development centers (SBDCs) and other local organizations structured to assist small businesses in Virginia. Assesses the effectiveness of SBDCs and their economic impact on the State.

272. Equity and Efficiency of Highway Construction and Transit Funding, December 2001 (authorized by the Commission), 104 pp. A report in a series on transportation issues in Virginia. Evaluates the system for allocating highway construction funds and for assessing highway construction needs. Examines public transit needs and funding.

Reports from 2002

273. Adequacy and Management of VDOT's Highway Maintenance Program, January 2002 (authorized by the Commission), 113 pp. A report in a series on transportation issues in Virginia. Examines the management of funding and other resources provided to VDOT for highway maintenance. Assesses adequacy of current funding for meeting identified maintenance program needs. Evaluates VDOT's attempt to

implement an asset management system, and highlights some of VDOT's accomplishments in highway maintenance.

274. Review of Virginia's System of Capital Punishment, January 2002 (authorized by the Commission), 85 pp. Examines the use of prosecutorial discretion by Commonwealth Attorneys in the application of the State's death penalty statutes. Examines the fairness of the judicial review process for persons sentenced to die by the State.

275. A Review of Selected Programs in the Department of Medical Assistance Services, January 2002 (Senate Document 22 of the 2002 Session, authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 441 of the 2001 Session), 87 pp. A report in a series on the Virginia Medicaid Program. Reviews four program areas-the child health insurance program (FAMIS), mental retardation waiver program, non-emergency transportation program, and pharmacy program. Identifies weaknesses in all four areas and recommends three improvements to achieve additional cost savings in the pharmacy program.

276. Interim Report: Review of State Spending, January 2002 (House Document 30 of the 2002 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 773 and House Bill 2865 of the 2001 Session), 172 pp. First annual report analyzing the causes of budget growth in Virginia. Discusses State initiatives and federal requirements that have impacted spending, Virginia's general fund revenue forecasting, and the use of performance measures as a way to guide program improvement. Profiles nine of the largest State agencies.

277. Review of Elementary and Secondary School Funding, February 2002 (authorized by the Commission), 150 pp. Identifies options for enhancing State funding of education, which is provided to help school divisions pay for the costs of the State Standards of Quality (SOQ) and non-SOQ costs. Available Documents: Summary Report Briefing

278. Review of Gubernatorial Separation Authority (Memo), June 2002 (authorized by the Commission), 5 pp. Reports on separation packages for agency heads and gubernatorial appointees covering the time period from June 2001 to June 2002.

279. VRS Biennial Status and Semi-Annual Investment Report #18, July 2002 (authorized by Section 30-78 et seq. of the Code of Virginia, which requires JLARC to provide the General Assembly with oversight capability concerning the Virginia Retirement System), 11 pp. Combined biennial status report and eighteenth in a series of continuing reports on VRS investment returns issued semi-annually.

280. Review of State Spending: June 2002 Update, July 2002 (House Document 3 of the 2002 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 773 of the 2001 Session), 90 pp. Second annual report analyzing the causes of budget growth in Virginia. Updates the analysis of budget and spending growth from 1981 to 2001.

281. Implementation of the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act, October 2002 (House Document 23 of the 2002 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 622 of the 2001 Session), 101 pp. Assesses the Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Board's over-

sight and enforcement practices concerning local compliance with the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act (Bay Act), evaluates the implementation and enforcement of local Bay Act programs, and assesses of the current resources necessary at the State and local level for implementation and enforcement of the Bay Act.

282. Special Report: Tax Compliance, October 2002 (authorized by the Commission), 12 pp. Completed as part of a review in 2002 of prior reports on aspects of State spending. Examines the pros and cons of a tax amnesty program, assesses the effectiveness of the set-off debt collection requirements and administration, and determines whether there is a statutory barrier to requiring taxpayers to mail or file their income tax returns directly with the Department of Taxation.

283. Special Report: The Secretarial System, October 2002 (authorized by the Commission), 14 pp. Completed as a follow-up on aspects of the 1997 JLARC study of the Secretarial system in Virginia. Examines whether the current configuration of the Secretariats and assignment of agencies meet the original purpose of the cabinet system.

284. Review of the Virginia Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Program, November 2002 (authorized by the Commission), 130 pp. Reviews the Virginia Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Program and examines the provisions of House Bill 714 (2002).

285. Special Report: State Business Incentive Grant Programs, November 2002 (authorized by the Commission), 17 pp. Examines long-term costs and benefits of major business incentive grants made by the State and reviews financial obligations the State may have made through business incentive grant programs in future years.

286. Special Report: Higher Education, November 2002 (authorized by the Commission), 24 pp. Addresses issues that could result in increased savings and efficiencies in higher education, including the closure of nonproductive degree programs and issues related to institutional structure.

287. The Future of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel, November 2002 (House Document 18 of the 2002 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 210 of the 2002 Session), 116 pp. Examines the appropriate role of the Bridge-Tunnel in the economic growth of the Eastern Shore and the Commonwealth, the appropriate toll structure to ensure proper funding for the facility, the efficiency and efficacy of the district's policies, practices, and operations, and the appropriate State role in determining the future of the Bridge-Tunnel.

288. Review of Workforce Training in Virginia, November 2002 (authorized by the Commission), 133 pp. Reviews workforce training in November of 2000 and evaluates the State's implementation and administration of the Workforce Investment Act by the Virginia Employment Commission.

289. Review of Information Technology Systems Development, December 2002 (authorized by the Commission), 92 pp. Addresses why agencies experience systems development and procurement problems and what practices and requirements can be instituted to increase the rate of success.

290. Review of the Charitable Gaming Commission, December 2002 (authorized by the Commission), 75 pp. Examines whether the Charitable Gaming Commission can achieve its organizational and management statutory objectives, has the authority and structure necessary to adequately oversee agency management and operations, has sufficient resources to implement its statutory mission, and has adequate staffing to implement its statutory mission.

291. Interim Report: Best Practices for the Support Service of School Divisions, December 2002 (authorized by House Joint Resolution 34 of the 2002 Session), 38 pp. Examines the growth in per-pupil expenditures for non-instructional services in recent years.

292. Special Report: Medical Supplies and Pharmaceuticals, December 2002 (authorized by the Commission), 50 pp. Completed as a follow-up following the June 2002 update to the JLARC Review of State Spending. Focuses specifically on the methods and procedures used to procure pharmaceuticals and medical supplies.

293. Semi-Annual VRS Investment Report No. 19, December 2002 (authorized by Section 30-78 et seq. of the Code of Virginia, which requires JLARC to provide the General Assembly with oversight capability concerning the Virginia Retirement System), 5 pp. Nineteenth in a series of continuing reports on VRS investment returns issued semi-annually.

Reports from 2003

294. Special Report: State Spending on Regional Health Planning Agencies, June 2003 (authorized by the Commission), 27 pp. Examines the role of the health planning agencies in Virginia's certificate of public need program.

295. Semi-Annual VRS Investment Report No. 20, July 2003 (authorized by Section 30-78 et seq. of the Code of Virginia, which requires JLARC to provide the General Assembly with oversight capability concerning the Virginia Retirement System), 6 pp. Twentieth in a series of continuing reports on VRS investment returns issued semi-annually.

296. 2003 Report to the General Assembly, September 2003 (authorized by Section 30-58.2, Code of Virginia), 46 pp. Biennial report that keeps the full Assembly informed of the Commission's work. Explains JLARC's oversight role and summarizes and provides updates on some recent studies.

297. Technical Report: State Funding Formula for Educational Technology, September 2003 (Senate Document 6 of the 2003 Session, authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 87 of the 2002 Session), 86 pp. Develops a State funding formula for educational technology and technology support personnel.

298. Review of Virginia's Activity in Maximizing Federal Grant Funding, October 2003 (authorized by the Commission) 65 pp. Reviews Virginia's activities in maximizing federal grant revenues. Specifically focuses on developing an inventory of grants awarded to Virginia and assessing the potential to use more Medicaid funds for school health programs, special education services, and after-school programs.

299. Best Practices for the Support Services of School Divisions, October 2003 (House Document 6 of the 2003 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 34 from the 2002 Session), 113 pp. Examines the best administrative, fiscal, and service practices for the various non-instructional services delivered by the Commonwealth's public school divisions.

300. Acclimation of Virginia's Foreign-Born Population, November 2003 (House Document 9 of the 2003 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 604 of the 2003 Session), 104 pp. Examines federal government policies and programs that affect immigrant populations in the Commonwealth and impact State or local initiatives; potential needs for State, regional, and local government services to the immigrant populations; the benefits and costs of the major immigrant populations to the Commonwealth and its economy; and the options available for local, regional, and State governments to facilitate acclimation of the immigrant populations into the Commonwealth's economy and social fabric while preserving ethnic and cultural identity.

301. Review of State Spending: December 2003 Update, December 2003 (authorized by Section 30-58.3, Code of Virginia), 51 pp. Third annual report analyzing long-term expenditure and appropriation growth from FY 1981 through FY 2002.

302. Review of the State's Passenger Vehicle Fleet, December 2003 (House Document 5 of the 2003 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 518 of the 2003 Session), 73 pp. Analyzes management of the Commonwealth's centralized vehicle fleet and use of government-owned motor vehicles by State employees. Focuses on the need for fleet vehicles, personal mileage reimbursement, alternative methods for managing the fleet, and controls on the use of vehicles.

303. Semi-Annual VRS Investment Report No. 21, December 2003 (authorized by Section 30-78 et seq. of the Code of Virginia, which requires JLARC to provide the General Assembly with oversight capability concerning the Virginia Retirement System), 6 pp. Twenty-first in a series of continuing reports on VRS investment returns issued semi-annually.

304. Implementation Review: Virginia Information Technologies Agency, December 2003 Status Report, December 2003 (authorized by the Commission), 20 pp. Report the status of monitoring several activities and initiatives such as the organization of the IT Investment Board and VITA, recruitment of the State's Chief Information Officer Operating and other management plans, VITA service agreements with State agencies, and systems development planning and project management.

305. Review of Factors and Practices Associated with School Performance in Virginia, December 2003 (Senate Document 8 of the 2003 Session, authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 349 of the 2003 Session) 104 pp. Examines best practices used in high-performing schools and school divisions in Virginia as well as specific demographic and other factors that may influence academic success and provide demographic information regarding the best- and poorest-performing school divisions.

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306. Semi-Annual VRS Investment Report No. 22, July 2004 (authorized by Section 30-78 et seq. of the Code of Virginia, which requires JLARC to provide the General Assembly with oversight capability concerning the Virginia Retirement System), 6 pp. Twenty-second in a series of continuing reports on VRS investment returns issued semi-annually.
307. Virginia Compared to the Other States, July 2004 (authorized by the Commission), 27 pp. Compilation of statistics on how Virginia compares to other states on a variety of measures, focusing specifically on measures that reflect the impact of State expenditures on the rainy day fund and on car tax relief.
308. Special Report: Tenure and Post-Tenure Review Policies at Virginia's Public Colleges and Universities, August 2004 (authorized by the Commission), 38 pp. Summaries of the tenure policies, particularly post-tenure review, in effect at each institution of higher education that grant tenure to their faculty.
309. Special Report: Impact of Proposed Child Day Care Regulations in Virginia, September 2004 (authorized by House Joint Resolution 114 and Senate Joint Resolution 80 of the 2004 Session), 46 pp. Reviews the impact of the revised child care center regulations on Virginia's child care providers, parents, and children.
310. Replacing Income Tax Revenues with Sales and Use Tax Revenues, November 2004 (House Document 36 of the 2004 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 172 of the 2004 Session) 42 pp. Examines the tax structures of the nine states that do not impose a broad-based personal income tax. Addresses the probable impacts on Virginia that would result from eliminating or reducing the personal income tax and replacing the lost revenues with additional sales and use tax revenues.
311. Interim Status Report: Impact of Virginia's Aging Population on State Agency Services, November 2004 (House Document 35 of the 2004 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 103 of the 2004 Session) 90 pp. Presents background information which provides a preliminary description of the impact of the aging population on State agency services.
312. Review of Emergency Medical Services in Virginia, November 2004 (House Document 34 of the 2004 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 133 of the 2004 Session) 100 pp. Reviews and assesses emergency care services in Virginia, identifies emerging issues and problems in the EMS system, and considers the effect of issues such as health care costs, funding for emergency medical care, third-party reimbursement, and indigent care on the EMS system.
313. The Use and Financing of Trauma Centers in Virginia, December 2004 (House Document 62 of the 2004 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 183 of the 2004 Session) 92 pp. Reviews the use and financing of Virginia's trauma centers and identifies the steps that could be taken to maintain access to trauma services across the Commonwealth.
314. Review of Nutrient Management Planning in Virginia, November 2004 (House Document 20 of the 2004 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 72, approved by the 2004 Session) 121 pp. Evaluates the implementation, performance,

and enforcement of the nutrient management plans and the adequacy of Virginia's requirements for collecting data on animal waste disposal and transfer.

315. VRS Biennial Status and Semi-Annual Investment Report No. 23, December 2004 (authorized by Section 30-78 et seq. of the Code of Virginia, which requires JLARC to provide the General Assembly with oversight capability concerning the Virginia Retirement System), 28 pp. Combined biennial status report and twenty-third in a series of continuing reports on VRS investment returns issued semi-annually.

316. Review of State Spending: December 2004 Update, December 2004 (authorized by Section 30-58.3, Code of Virginia), 52 pp. Fourth annual report analyzing long-term expenditure and appropriation growth from FY 1995 through FY 2004.

317. Review of Child Protective Services in Virginia, December 2004 (House Document 21 of the 2004 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 193 of the 2004 Session) 74 pp. Reviews the operation and performance of the Commonwealth's social services system, including the delivery of prevention and early intervention services, which are provided by Child Protective Services.

318. Special Report: State Spending on Standards of Quality (SOQ) Costs, December 2004 (authorized by Section 22.1-97 of the Code of Virginia), 19 pp. First annual report on State SOQ spending in FY 2004.

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319. Semi-Annual VRS Investment Report No. 24, July 2005 (authorized by Section 30-78 et seq. of the Code of Virginia, which requires JLARC to provide the General Assembly with oversight capability concerning the Virginia Retirement System), 6 pp. Twenty-fourth in a series of continuing reports on VRS investment returns issued semi-annually.

320. Special Report: Certain Personnel Issues at VRS, July 2005 (authorized by Section 30-78 et seq. of the Code of Virginia, which requires JLARC to oversee and evaluate VRS on a continuing basis), 26 pp. Evaluates two personnel issues at the Virginia Retirement System related to the potential conflict of interests of a member of the Board of Trustees relative to his interest in seeking the Chief Investment Officer position, and the handling of the former director's severance agreement.

321. 2005 Report to the General Assembly, September 2005 (authorized by Section 30-58.2, Code of Virginia), 51 pp. Biennial report that keeps the full Assembly informed of the Commission's work. Explains JLARC's oversight role and summarizes and provides updates on some recent studies.

322. Review of Homeland Security Funding and Preparedness, September 2005 (authorized by the Commission), 64 pp. Determines the extent and sufficiency of homeland security funding, the adequacy of coordination and direction of federal grants going to localities and State agencies, whether security improvements are appropriately implemented, and the adequacy of the authority and resources of the Office of Commonwealth Preparedness to direct security efforts in Virginia.

323. Operation and Performance of Virginia's Social Services System, October 2005 (authorized by House Joint Resolution 193, of the 2004 Session), 130 pp. Examines the operation and performance of the Commonwealth's social services system. Issues addressing State supervision, local resources and performance, and management and support were considered.
324. Assessment of Reimbursement Rates for Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services, October 2005 (authorized by the 2005 Appropriations Act), 66 pp. Evaluates the adequacy of Medicaid reimbursement rates for HCB services and to examine the impact of those rates on access to care for the Medicaid recipient population.
325. Interim Report: Impact of Assisted Living Facility Regulations, November 2005 (House Document 92 of the 2005 Session, authorized by Item 21F of the 2004-2006 Appropriation Act requiring JLARC to report on the impact of new assisted living regulations, adopted pursuant to HB 2512 / SB 1183), 18 pp. Interim status update for the JLARC review of the impact of new regulations. Provides background information on the assisted living industry and a summary of the 2005 legislation, agencies' plans for and progress in implementing the legislation, and JLARC staff analysis.
326. Review of Land Application of Biosolids in Virginia, October 2005 (House Document 89 of the 2005 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 643 of the 2005 Session) 80 pp. Evaluates the land application of biosolids in Virginia focusing on the oversight of biosolids land applications and the enforcement of regulations.
327. Virginia Compared to the Other States, December 2005 (authorized by the Commission), 27 pp. Compilation of statistics on how Virginia compares to other states on a variety of measures, focusing specifically on measures that reflect the impact of State expenditures on the rainy day fund and on car tax relief.
328. Semi-Annual VRS Investment Report No. 25, December 2005 (authorized by Section 30-78 et seq. of the Code of Virginia, which requires JLARC to provide the General Assembly with oversight capability concerning the Virginia Retirement System), 4 pp. Twenty-fifth in a series of continuing reports on VRS investment returns issued semi-annually.
329. Impact of an Aging Population on State Agencies, November 2005 (House Document 10 of the 2005 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 103, of the 2004 Session), 149 pp. Evaluates the impact of Virginia's aging population on the demand for and cost of State agency services, policies, and program management. Examines the existing services provided by those State agencies which are most directly involved in providing services to older Virginians.
330. Impact of an Aging State Workforce, November 2005 (House Document 31 of the 2005 Session, authorized by the House Joint Resolution 103 of the 2004 Session) 86 pp. Evaluates the impact of Virginia's aging population on the demand for and cost of State agency services, policies, and program management.

331. State Spending on Standards of Quality Costs, December 2005 (authorized by Section 22.1-97 of the Code of Virginia), 17 pp. Second annual report on State SOQ spending in FY 2004.

332. Self-Sufficiency Among Social Services Clients in Virginia, December 2005 (House Document 33 of the 2005 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 193 of the 2005 Session) 140 pp. Assesses the extent to which Virginia's social services system has succeeded in enabling its clients to improve their financial independence and achieve self-sufficiency.

333. Review of State Spending: December 2005 Update, December 2005 (authorized by Section 30-58.3, Code of Virginia), 57 pp. Fifth annual report analyzing long-term expenditure and appropriation growth from FY 1996 through FY 2002.

334. Special Report: Department of Education Student Assessment Program Procurement, December 2005 (completed at the request of the Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee), 40 pp. Reviews how the Request for Proposals was developed; the process to evaluate submissions; whether vendors disclosed previous online test problems; whether references were contacted and due diligence taken role of State Board of Education.

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335. Status Report: Impact of Assisted Living Facility Regulations, June 2006 (House Document 41 of the 2006 Session, authorized by Item 21F of the 2004-2006 Appropriation Act requiring JLARC to report on the impact of new assisted living regulations), 119 pp. Assesses the impact of new regulations adopted pursuant to major legislation affecting assisted living facilities.

336. Special Report: Severance Benefits for State Employees, June 2006 (authorized by the Commission), 38 pp. Reviews the provision of severance payments to State employees.

337. Semi-Annual VRS Investment Report No. 26, July 2006 (authorized by Section 30-78 et seq. of the Code of Virginia, which requires JLARC to provide the General Assembly with oversight capability concerning the Virginia Retirement System), 4 pp. Twenty-sixth in a series of continuing reports on VRS investment returns issued semi-annually.

338. Special Report: Recent Errors in the Sales Tax Allocation for Local School Divisions, August 2006 (completed at the request of the Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee), 23 pp. Examines the methodology used to forecast sales tax collections and to calculate the amounts distributed to school divisions, the Transportation Trust Fund (TTF), and the General Fund.

339. Evaluation of HB 623: Mandated Coverage for Treatment of Malignant Brain Tumors at NCI Cancer Centers, October 2006 (authorized by Sections 2.2-2503 and 30-58.1 of the Code of Virginia, which requires JLARC to provide evaluations of proposed health insurance mandates), 28 pp. Evaluates the impact of proposed House Bill 623 of the 2006 General Assembly Session which would require access to treat-

ment for malignant brain tumors at National Cancer Institute-designated cancer centers within 300 miles of the patient's residence.

340. Evaluation of HB 657: Mandated Coverage of Habilitative Services for Children with Developmental Delays, October 2006 (authorized by Sections 2.2-2503 and 30-58.1 of the Code of Virginia, which requires JLARC to provide evaluations of proposed health insurance mandates), 46 pp. Evaluates the impact of proposed House Bill 657 of the 2006 General Assembly Session which would mandate coverage for medically necessary habilitative services for persons younger than 19 years of age with developmental delays.

341. Evaluation of HB 1405: Mandated Coverage of Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT) for Specified Cancer Sites, October 2006 (authorized by Sections 2.2-2503 and 30-58.1 of the Code of Virginia, which requires JLARC to provide evaluations of proposed health insurance mandates), 38 pp. Evaluates the impact of proposed House Bill 1405 of the 2006 General Assembly Session which would require health insurance plans to provide coverage for treatment by intensity modulated radiation therapy (IMRT) for tumors in situations for which an extremely high level of precision is required to spare surrounding tissue.

342. Impact of Regulations on the Manufacturing Sector, October 2006 (Senate Document 18 of the 2006 Session, authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 360 of the 2005 General Assembly), 146 pp. Examines the comparative burden of regulatory compliance on Virginia's manufacturing sector. Also examines the cost of compliance with regulations.

343. Evaluation of Underground Electric Transmission Lines in Virginia, November 2006 (House Document 87 of the 2006 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 100 of the 2006 session), 182 pp. Examines the criteria and policies used by the State Corporation Commission in evaluating the feasibility of undergrounding transmission lines in Virginia.

344. Special Report: State Spending on Standards of Quality (SOQ) Costs, December 2006 (authorized by Section 22.1-97 of the Code of Virginia), 23 pp. Third annual report on State SOQ spending in FY 2006.

345. VRS Biennial Status and Semi-Annual Investment Report No. 27, December 2006 (authorized by Section 30-78 et seq. of the Code of Virginia, which requires JLARC to provide the General Assembly with oversight capability concerning the Virginia Retirement System), 20 pp. Combined fifth biennial status report and twenty-seventh in a series of continuing reports on VRS investment returns issued semi-annually.

346. Evaluation of Children's Residential Services Delivered Through the Comprehensive Services Act, December 2006 (House Document 26 of the 2006 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 60), 219 pp. Evaluates the administration of the Comprehensive Services Act, specifically the cost, quality, and reimbursement of residential services and the adequacy of regulations designed to protect children's health and safety in residential facilities.

347. Virginia Compared to the Other States: National Rankings on Taxes, Budgetary Components, and Other Indicators, January 2007 (authorized by the Commission), 31 pp. Compilation of statistics on how Virginia compares to other states on a variety of measures.

348. Review of State Spending: 2006 Update, January 2007 (authorized by Section 30-58.3, Code of Virginia), 76 pp. Sixth annual report analyzing long-term expenditure and appropriation growth from FY 1997 through FY 2006.

349. Options for Extending Health Insurance Coverage to Uninsured Virginians, January 2007 (House Document 19 of the 2006 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 158), 141 pp. Examines the options for extending health insurance coverage to currently uninsured Virginians.

350. Recent Federal Changes Affecting Asset Sheltering for Medicaid Long-Term Care, January 2007 (Senate Document 12 of the 2006 Session, authorized by House Joint Resolution 97 and Senate Joint Resolution 122), 58 pp. Assesses the restrictions on the sheltering of assets in order to qualify for Medicaid long-term care and reviews asset-sheltering practices by Virginians.

351. Performance and Oversight of Virginia's Small Community Drinking Water Systems, February 2007 (Senate Document 10 of the 2006 Session, authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 82), 132 pp. Assesses the regulatory framework of small community drinking water systems with regard to both water quality and rates charged.

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352. Follow-Up Report: Custody Relinquishment and the Comprehensive Services Act, March 2007 (authorized by the Commission), 14 pp. Completed as a follow-up on aspects of the 2006 JLARC study of the Evaluation of Children's Residential Services Delivered Through the Comprehensive Services Act. Focuses specifically on the interpretation of statutory mandates for services by localities and the legal basis for the State custody relinquishment policy. Also examines the impact of the policy on at-risk children .

353. VRS Biennial Status and Semi-Annual Investment Report No. 28, July 2007 (authorized by Section 30-78 et seq. of the Code of Virginia, which requires JLARC to provide the General Assembly with oversight capability concerning the Virginia Retirement System), 4 pp. Twenty-eighth in a series of continuing reports on VRS investment returns issued semi-annually.