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Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission

Item 30	First Year - FY2011	Second Year - FY2012
Legislative Evaluation and Review (78300)	\$3,378,956	\$3,378,956
Performance Audits and Evaluation (78303)	\$3,378,956	\$3,378,956
Fund Sources:		
General	\$3,264,040	\$3,264,040
Trust and Agency	\$114,916	\$114,916

Authority: Title 30, Chapters 7 and 8, Code of Virginia.

A. Out of this appropriation shall be paid the annual salary of the Director, Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC), \$160,919 from July 1, 2010 to August 31, 2010, \$145,729 from September 1, 2010 to June 24, 2011 and \$153,015 from June 25, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

B. JLARC, upon request of the Department of Planning and Budget and approval of the Chairman, shall review and provide comments to the department on its use of performance measures in the state budget process. JLARC staff shall review the methodology and proposed uses of such performance measures and provide periodic status reports to the Commission.

C. Expenses associated with the oversight responsibility of the Virginia Retirement System by JLARC and the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees shall be reimbursed by the Virginia Retirement System upon documentation by the Director, JLARC of the expenses incurred.

D. Out of this appropriation, funds are provided to continue the technical support staff of JLARC, in order to assist with legislative fiscal impact analysis when an impact statement is referred from the Chairman of a standing committee of the House or Senate, and to conduct oversight of the expenditure forecasting process. Pursuant to existing statutory authority, all agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide access to information necessary to accomplish these duties.

E.1. The General Assembly hereby designates the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) to review and evaluate the Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA) on a continuing basis and to make such special studies and reports as may be requested by the General Assembly, the House Appropriations Committee, or the Senate Finance Committee.

2. The areas of review and evaluation to be conducted by the Commission shall include, but are not limited to, the following: (i) VITA's infrastructure outsourcing contracts and any amendments thereto; (ii) adequacy of VITA's planning and oversight responsibilities, including VITA's oversight of information technology projects and the security of governmental information; (iii) cost-effectiveness and adequacy of VITA's procurement services and its oversight of the procurement activities of State agencies.

3. For the purpose of carrying out its duties and notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, JLARC shall have the legal authority to access the information, records, facilities, and employees of VITA.

4. Records provided to VITA by a private entity pertaining to VITA's comprehensive infrastructure agreement or any successor contract, or any contractual amendments thereto for the operation of the Commonwealth's information technology infrastructure shall be exempt from the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (§ 2.2-3700 et seq.), to the extent that such records contain (i) trade secrets of the private entity as defined in the Uniform Trade Secrets Act (§ 59.1-336 et seq.) or (ii) financial records of the private entity, including balance sheets and financial statements, that are not generally available to the public through regulatory disclosure or otherwise. In order for the records specified in clauses (i) and (ii) to be excluded from the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, the private entity shall make a written request to VITA:

- a. Invoking such exclusion upon submission of the data or other materials for which protection from disclosure is sought;
- b. Identifying with specificity the data or other materials for which protection is sought; and
- c. Stating the reasons why protection is necessary.

VITA shall determine whether the requested exclusion from disclosure is necessary to protect the trade secrets or financial records of the private entity. VITA shall make a written determination of the nature and scope of the protection to be afforded by it under this subdivision. Once a written determination is made by VITA, the records afforded protection under this subdivision shall continue to be protected from disclosure when in the possession of VITA or JLARC.

Except as specifically provided in this item, nothing in this item shall be construed to authorize the withholding of (a) procurement records as required by § 56-575.17; (b) information concerning the terms and conditions of any interim or comprehensive agreement, service contract, lease, partnership, or any agreement of any kind entered into by VITA and the private entity; (c) information concerning the terms and conditions of any financing arrangement that involves the use of any public funds; or (d) information concerning the performance of the private entity under the comprehensive infrastructure agreement, or any successor contract, or any contractual amendments thereto for the operation of the Commonwealth's information technology infrastructure.

5. The Chairman of JLARC may appoint a permanent subcommittee to provide guidance and direction for VITA review and evaluation activities, subject to the full Commission's supervision and such guidelines as the Commission itself may provide.

6. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall cooperate as requested by JLARC in the performance of its duties under this authority.

F. The Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) shall evaluate and report on the performance of the Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission (TICR). The report shall include, but not be limited to, a review of the effectiveness of the economic revitalization grants of the TICR, an evaluation of the TICR economic revitalization strategy, and recommendations as to the TICR's outcome metrics and accountability measures. JLARC shall submit a final report by June 30, 2011.

G.1 JLARC is hereby directed to study the impact on local revenue streams of restructuring the local Business, Professional, and Occupational License ("BPOL") Tax such that the basis of the tax is changed from gross receipts to net income. All local tax officials are hereby directed to provide any assistance required by JLARC in the course of the study. *If requested by JLARC, Notwithstanding the requirements of § 58.1-3700 et seq. of the Code of Virginia, all local tax officials are authorized to require any businesses subject to the BPOL tax in their locality required to obtain a business license from the locality in calendar year 2011, to calculate and report back to the*

~~locality their~~ its net income for the timeframe requested, notwithstanding the requirements of § 58.1-3700 et seq. of the Code of Virginia. ~~and the resulting license tax for the base year used to calculate its license tax in calendar year 2011 based on net income and shall report such tax base and tax due to the locality on or before October 1, 2012. This shall be in addition to the requirement that such business shall file and report any tax due on its license application or BPOL return for the year, as required pursuant to § 58.1-3700 et seq. of the Code of Virginia. Each locality shall consolidate the data reported by each taxpayer in the locality in a format determined by JLARC and transmit such data to JLARC by April 1, 2013.~~

2. JLARC shall complete its study and submit a final report by November 1, 2013.

3. The Department of Taxation shall cooperate as requested by JLARC in the performance of its duties under this authority. *All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance for this study, upon request.*

H.1. The Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) shall undertake a comprehensive review of the civil commitment of sexually violent predators at the Virginia Center for Behavioral Rehabilitation (VCBR) and the conditional release program administered by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services.

2. The review shall examine current law and commitment practices related to the treatment of sexually violent predators currently committed to the VCBR, including convictions and time served for predicate crimes; the screening and assessment process for identifying those individuals who could be eligible for civil commitment as sexually violent predators, including the use of the current risk assessment instrument; the commitment review process; and the impact of these factors on the projected numbers of individuals likely to be civilly committed.

3. In addition, the review shall examine the current policies and practices of other states' programs for the involuntary civil commitment of sexually violent predators and conditional release programs and determine how those policies and practices compare to the current program operated in Virginia. The review shall also examine the costs of providing for the civil commitment of sexually violent predators at VCBR, including an analysis of security and treatment staff ratios, and the provision of other services. The review shall also include any cost-effective, best practices identified in other state civil commitment programs.

4. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, the Department of Corrections, the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission, the Virginia Crime Commission and the Office of the Attorney General shall provide, upon request, technical assistance as needed to JLARC during this review.

5. For the purpose of completing this review, JLARC staff are authorized to possess, copy, and use all records, including records under seal, from all state and local courts, clerks, departments, agencies, boards, and commissions, including but not limited to: the Department of Corrections, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, the Office of the Attorney General, offices of attorneys for the Commonwealth, Virginia State Police, local police and sheriffs' departments, the Department of Juvenile Justice, court services units, community services boards, state and local departments of social services, and probation and parole districts. Upon request, the records, documents, notes, recordings or other information of any kind shall be provided to JLARC staff within 20 days of receiving such request.

6. The Commission shall provide a final report to the Governor and the General Assembly no later than November 30, 2011.