Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Committee and Program Evaluation Division

Presentation to the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee

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Overview

• Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee: Statutory Authority

• Program Evaluation Division: History, Duties and Staff

• Topic Selection Process and Upcoming Survey of all Legislators

• Division Evaluation Process
• Reports to Date and Follow Up
• Current Projects
• Savings Still Possible
Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee

• Created by § 120-36.15, S.L. 2007-78
• Permanent, 9 Representatives, 9 Senators
• Meetings called by Chairs
• Develops and approves Program Evaluation Division Work Plan
• Receives PED reports as presented
• Reviews and may recommend legislation to General Assembly
Program Evaluation Division History and Resources

• Created by § 120-36.15, S.L. 2007-78

• Nonpartisan staff unit of the Legislative Services Office

• Director serves at pleasure of the Legislative Services Commission

• Permanent staff of 10 plus 1 temporary and interns

• May contract out projects if funded to do so
Program Evaluation Division Duties

• Evaluate programs and activities of state agencies: emphasis on program results and return on state investment

• Working papers and PED requests to agencies are not public records

• Make recommendations for improving program efficiency and effectiveness

• Follow up to determine implementation of recommendations
Report Topic Selection

General Assembly Projects Added by Law or Special Appropriations Provisions

Program Evaluation Division (PED) Suggestions

Legislator Requests Developed with PED Staff Assistance

Proposed Biennial Work Plan

Legislator Requests for a Work Plan Project Submitted through a JLPEOC Member

Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee (JLPEOC)

Approved Biennial Work Plan

JLPEOC Plan Amendments
Member Survey

- Online survey designed to gather information from members on evaluation topics of interest
  - Agencies
  - Programs
  - Specific Issues
- Still receiving Responses
Program Evaluation Process

1. Preliminary Research
2. Entrance Conference with Agency and Data Request
3. Evaluation Plan
4. Data Collection Data Analysis
5. Confidential Draft Report Sent to Agency
6. Exit Conference and Agency Response to Report
7. Final Report Presented to JLPEOC

North Carolina General Assembly
### Summary of Reports Released to Date

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PED Issues Two Types of Reports

Evaluation Report

PROGRAM EVALUATION
✓ Criteria: What are the research questions?
✓ Rigorous methodology to provide answers
✓ Data intensive, heavy field work
✓ Provides recommendations

NC Accountability Report

PROGRAM RATING
✓ Criteria: Are accountability elements evident?
✓ Like a credit rating
✓ Determines degree of investment risk
✓ Relies upon program to provide evidence
Current Division Evaluations

1. Inventory of Programs for Children, Youth, and Families (Just Released)

2. County Departments of Social Services Administration of Mandated Programs


4. Efficiency and Effectiveness of Community College Administration
Current NCAR Projects

1. Department of Administration: Advocacy Programs
2. Department of Transportation: Highway Construction
3. Non-Profit: Connect, Inc.
# Savings Recommended Still Possible

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Our Reports are Available Online at
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