

PROGRAM EVALUATION DIVISION

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Program Evaluation Division Work Plan

As outlined in our [statute](#), the biennial work plan is developed by the [Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee](#) and the Division Director, with input from staff. Requests for program evaluations must come from a member of the General Assembly. The Division Director will review the requests in light of staff capacity and the current work plan and will make a recommendation to the Oversight Committee as to alterations of 2015–17 the work plan. Any project required by state law automatically amends the work plan.

Projects Underway from 2013–15 Work Plan

Medicaid Eligibility Determinations. This project will study the accuracy, consistency, and timeliness of Medicaid eligibility determinations made by county departments of social services, including an examination of their processes, management, and performance. Mandated due date: February 1, 2016.

2015–17 Work Plan

Projects Underway:

Performance of Privatized State Government Functions. This project will examine the performance of state government functions that have been privatized to determine if they have resulted in cost savings and improved efficiency. This examination will focus on contracted services under the jurisdiction of the Department of Administration's Division of Purchase and Contract and administered by state agencies. The report will also include a more detailed analysis of recently awarded contracts for high-value services.

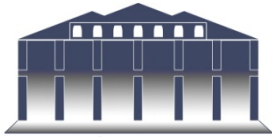
Effectiveness of Economic Development Tiers. This project will examine alternatives to assessing economic wellbeing that may better serve counties with areas of prosperity and areas that lag in economic development. The project will examine efforts in other states and at the federal level to identify economic well-being based on geographic boundaries other than county and identify which incentive programs use a geographic factor other than tier level in their decision-making process.

Board of Review. This project will provide a cost-benefit analysis of the Board of Review (BOR), an independent three-member body created to determine appeals policies and procedures and hear appeals arising from the decisions and determinations of the Division of Employment Security.

Projects Pending:

Funding Formulas for K-12 Public Schools and Feasibility of Student Based Funding. This project will examine all funding formulas for allocating all sources of funding to K-12 Public schools including charter schools. This project will also examine the feasibility of implementing student-based budgeting for K-12 public schools in NC. Under the student-based budgeting model, dollars follow students to their public school based on student needs. Allocations are determined using weighted, objective, and measurable facts about each student.

Community Colleges Funding Formula. This project will examine the formula and timing for allocating funding to individual community colleges and consider whether the funding formula is effective or needs to be changed.



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Effectiveness of Medicaid Program Integrity. This project will evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of the Medicaid Program Integrity Section. The purpose of the Program Integrity Section is to ensure compliance, efficiency, and accountability within the N.C. Medicaid Program by detecting and preventing fraud, waste, and program abuse.

Feasibility of Consolidating State Purchase of Health Care Services. This project will examine the feasibility of consolidating State purchase of health care services. Currently, the state purchase of health care services is managed by several state agencies including the Department of Health and Human Services (Medicaid, Vocational Rehabilitation, Blind Services, and Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services), Department of the State Treasurer (State Employees Health Plan), Department of Public Safety (Inmate Health Care), and the North Carolina Industrial Commission (Workers' Compensation).

School Calendar Flexibility. This project will examine how limitations on school calendar flexibility have affected LEAs, school operations, and students during the past 10 years.

Performance of Medicaid Data Warehouse (NCAalytics). This project will examine the performance of NCAalytics, including whether the system is performing as intended, how the system interfaces with NCTracks, and whether the system meets the needs of the State.

Management Layers and Span of Control for State Agency Executive Offices. This project would evaluate the efficiency of management layers and span of control for state agency executive offices.

Management of Inmate Health Care. This project will review the efficiency and economy of medical and dental services provided for North Carolina state prison inmates.

Professional Educator Licensure Process and Teacher Education Requirements. This project will examine the effectiveness and efficiency of the process for issuing licenses for teachers, school administrators, and special service personnel. This project will also review the process for approving teacher education programs, examine state oversight of these programs, and determine whether these programs meet the State's needs for teacher preparation.

Analysis of North Carolina Lottery Commission Operations. This project will evaluate whether the North Carolina State Lottery Commission is providing the maximum benefit to the State by examining the Commission's operations, existing revenue-generating strategies, and efforts to reduce costs.

Implementation of Results First in NC. This project will authorize the Program Evaluation Division to commit staff resources to assist with the implementation of Results First in NC. Results First uses a cost-benefit model to evaluate a broad range of programs and policies using the latest research and enables policymakers to make evidence-based decisions.

Review of DOT's Ferry Division. This project will review North Carolina's ferry system with a focus placed on operations, operational savings, and fee structure optimization.

Management of State Pension Fund Investments. This project will examine the management and investment strategies of retirement system investments including meeting benchmarks and the amount of fees paid for investment management.