

JLOSC REVIEWS 2024

June 8, 2023 - Approved Slate of 2024 Reviews



Joint Legislative Oversight
& Sunset Committee

Full Reviews:

Controlled Substance Advisory Committee (Division of Professional Regulation: Department of State).

- Advise the Secretary in matters relating to the Uniform Controlled Substances Act.
- Regulates and monitors controlled substance use and abuse through registration, inspection, investigation, and education.
- Registers prescribers, dispensers, and other controlled substance registrants.
- Issues and renews licenses.
- Makes recommendations of new or amended controlled substance regulations and disciplinary actions of registrants who violate the law.

Delaware Cemetery Board (Division of Public Health: Department of Health and Social Services).

- Create rules and regulations to implement Board's statutory power and duties.
- Designate the registration form for all cemeteries.
- Address specific cemetery issues as requested by the Governor or the General Assembly.
- Administer the Distressed Cemetery Fund (created in 2008):
 - Application process.
 - Designate a cemetery as "distressed."
 - Payment authorization.
 - Accounting of funds.
 - Funded by \$2 surcharge on death certificate copies.
 - Fund has annual State Auditor's Office audit mandate.

Public Integrity Commission (Department of State).

- Recommend rules of conduct for public employees to the General Assembly.
- Issue advisory opinions at the request of state employees relating to the Code of Conduct.
- Instruct its Counsel to investigate alleged violations of the Code of Conduct.
- Report substantial evidence of a violation of criminal law.
- Maintain record of its proceedings, waiver decisions, and advisory opinions.
- Prepare and publish manuals and guides explaining the duties of state employees and officials.
- Aid state agencies, employees, and officials in administering the Code of Conduct.

Professional Standards Board (Department of Education).

- Develop rules and regulations relating to educators' professional development, licensure requirements, certification requirements, and paraprofessional qualifications and training.
- Works closely with DOE to implement regulations and required by statute to file quarterly reports with the General Assembly, Governor, State Board, and DOE.
- Board appoints an executive director.
- Two standing committees identified in statute: (1) Licensure and Certification Criteria and (2) Professional Development and Associated Compensation. Each standing committee has at least 1 member of the Professional Standards Board.

Focused Reviews:

Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (Division of Public Health: Department of Health and Social Services).

- Objective of the Review: An evaluation of the following structures of Delaware's lead poisoning prevention programs as it relates to childhood screening and water sampling:
 - Access to screening at 12 and 24 months.
 - Water Testing Program in Delaware schools.
 - Analysis of funds available.
- Scope: 3-year period.

Focused Reviews:

Division of Unemployment Insurance Claimant Services (Department of Labor).

- Objective of the Review: An evaluation of claimant services in the Division of Unemployment Insurance with a focus on:
 - Current time required to process a claim.
 - Current notification system.
 - Staffing and funding mechanisms required to meet demand.
- Scope: Current processes and any changes made within the last 3 years.

Assisting the Office of the State Court Administrator with Relocation Options for Non-Judicial Agencies (Courts).

- Objective of the Review: Assisting with research regarding organizational relocation of the four non-judicial agencies under the judicial branch, which include:
 - Office of the Public Guardian.
 - Office of the Child Advocate.
 - Maternal and Child Death Review Commission.
 - Delaware Nursing Home Residents Quality Assurance Commission.
- Scope: 3-year period.

Different Methods that Several State Entities Apply in Implementing the Public Comment Requirements of the Administrative Procedures Act.

- Objective of the Review: Evaluate how state agencies related to JLOSC reviews over the last 3 years implement public comment in the promulgation of regulations.
- Scope: 3-year period.