



# HOUSE BILL 646: Amend PED Statutes.

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**OVERVIEW:** *S.L. 2018-101 amends the laws governing the Program Evaluation Division (PED) of the General Assembly to:*

- *Authorize PED to evaluate non-State entities that receive or expend any State funds.*
- *Require the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee (JLPEOC) to adopt a biennial work plan in every odd-numbered year.*
- *Add administration of measurability assessments as a PED function.*
- *Standardize PED evaluation reports.*
- *Revise the powers and duties of the JLPEOC.*

*[This act became effective June 26, 2018.]*

**CURRENT LAW:** The PED assists the General Assembly in fulfilling its responsibility to oversee government functions by providing an independent, objective source of information to be used in evaluating whether State agencies deliver public services and programs in an effective and efficient manner and in accordance with law. Program evaluation requests are submitted by members of the General Assembly to the PED Director who reviews and makes a recommendation on the request to the JLPEOC. If approved by the JLPEOC, the request becomes part of the PED work plan and PED conducts its review and reports its findings and recommendations to the JLPEOC for consideration. JLPEOC then submits the report to the General Assembly along with its own recommendations regarding any changes needed to implement any PED recommendations it endorses. (Article 7C of Chapter 120 of the General Statutes)

**BILL ANALYSIS:** S.L. 2018-101 does all of the following:

- Authorizes PED to evaluate programs or activities of non-State entities conducted or provided using State funds and makes confirming changes to Article 7C of Chapter 120 of the General Statutes accordingly.
- Requires the JLPEOC to:
  - Adopt, in consultation with the Director of PED, a biennial work plan in every odd-numbered year.
  - Consider which programs or activities of a State agency, or a non-State entity conducted or provided using State funds, should be evaluated by PED and included in the biennial work plan.

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- Consider which proposed or existing State programs should be subject to measurability assessments and included in the biennial work plan.
- Standardizes the PED evaluation reports.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act became effective June 26, 2018.