

FY 2001-FY 2002 STRATEGIC PROGRAM AREA REVIEWS

A.R.S. § 41-1275 establishes a Strategic Program Area Review (SPAR) process. This process, intended to focus on program areas addressed by multiple agencies, is as follows:

- The Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) shall determine those program areas to be subject to SPAR. By January 1 of each odd-numbered year, the JLBC Staff, in consultation with the Governor’s Office of Strategic Planning and Budgeting (OSPB), shall recommend to the JLBC a list of program areas suggested for the SPAR process. Agencies also may submit SPAR candidates.
- Each agency responsible for a SPAR program shall submit a self-assessment of the program to the Directors of the JLBC and OSPB by June 1 of the odd-numbered year in which the program is being reviewed. The self-assessment shall address the efficiency and effectiveness of each program operation and whether its current operation is consistent with the original legislative intent.
- The Directors of the JLBC and OSPB shall evaluate the program areas according to agreed upon factors. The 2 offices shall jointly produce a report of their findings and recommendations on whether to retain, eliminate, or modify funding and related statutory references for the programs.
- The findings and recommendations shall include a description of personnel, facilities, equipment, and funding of the strategic program area by all agencies. The report also shall address the views of the 2 offices on the

program’s efficiency, effectiveness, and necessity and whether the program area should be consolidated into one budget unit, if applicable. The reports are due to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Governor by January 1 of each even-numbered year.

- The SPAR reports and staff recommendations will be reviewed by legislative committees. The President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives shall assign all SPARs to the Appropriations Committees. The Speaker and President may additionally assign the SPAR to a standing committee. The assigned standing committee shall hold at least 1 public hearing for the purpose of receiving public input and developing recommendations to the Appropriations Committees on whether to retain, eliminate, or modify funding and related statutory references. If the Speaker and President choose not to assign a SPAR to an additional standing committee, the Appropriations Committee shall hold at least 1 public hearing.

The 3 SPARs that will be conducted in FY 2001 and FY 2002 are shown in the table below. The Appropriations Chairmen have requested that the Joint Appropriations Subcommittees become involved in the process prior to the January 1 report. The table notes which Joint Appropriations Subcommittee will conduct interim hearings on each SPAR in order to assist JLBC Staff in its SPAR work.

<u>Program Area</u>	<u>Agencies Involved</u>	<u>Joint Appropriations Subcommittee</u>
County Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22 different agencies 	Criminal Justice/Transportation
Children’s Delivery System (focus on Developmental Disabilities)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Economic Security (DES) • Department of Education (ADE) • Department of Health Services (DHS) • AHCCCS • Courts • Department of Juvenile Corrections (DJC) 	Health and Welfare
Special Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADE • DES • DHS • AHCCCS • DJC 	Education and Natural Resources