



The Vermont Legislative Research Service

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Policy Research Assistance for 2019 Legislative Session

The **Vermont Legislative Research Service** (VLRS) is taking requests from legislators for policy research during the 2019 session. The VLRS operates several student research teams to answer your policy questions working directly under the supervision of University of Vermont Political Science Professor Anthony “Jack” Gierzynski (VLRS Director and Chair of the Political Science Department). The VLRS exists to provide nonpartisan information for legislators on issues before the legislature.

What can we do for you?

The types of research requests we should be able to fill include:

- investigations into practices and programs in other states (through the Web, the National Conference of State Legislators (NCSL), and phone contact with other state officials);
- reports summarizing the latest academic studies on a particular topic;
- information on federal programs and grants;
- and, information regarding the state of Vermont.

In the last couple of years students have done numerous reports including analyses of:

- Pre-Kindergarten Education Funding <http://www.uvm.edu/~vlrs/Education/Pre-K%20Funding.pdf>
- Neonicotinoids and Pollinator Health <http://www.uvm.edu/~vlrs/Agriculture/Neonicotinoids%20and%20Pollinator%20Health.pdf>
- Automotive Insurance Policies for Youth in Foster Care <http://www.uvm.edu/~vlrs/Transportation/Automotive%20Insurance%20Policies%20for%20Youth%20in%20Foster%20Care.pdf>
- Benefits Cliff <http://www.uvm.edu/~vlrs/EconomicIssues/Benefits%20Cliff.pdf>
- Shared Work Spaces <http://www.uvm.edu/~vlrs/EconomicIssues/Shared%20Work%20Spaces.pdf>
- Regenerative Soil <http://www.uvm.edu/~vlrs/Agriculture/Regenerative%20Soils.pdf>
- Maple Sugaring Regulations <http://www.uvm.edu/~vlrs/Agriculture/Maple%20Sugaring%20Regulations.pdf>
- Marijuana and Academic Performance <http://www.uvm.edu/~vlrs/Education/marijuana%20and%20academic%20performance.pdf>
- Forensic Hospitals <http://www.uvm.edu/~vlrs/Health/Forensic%20Hospitals.pdf>
- The Sale of Raw Milk <http://www.uvm.edu/~vlrs/Agriculture/rawmilk.pdf>
- Pharmaceutical Residues in the Water <http://www.uvm.edu/~vlrs/Environment/pharmaceuticalresidues.pdf>

All of the policy reports are posted on our Web page: <http://www.uvm.edu/~vlrs/>. Legislators should please keep in mind that we will not be able to fill all requests due to time constraints and/or difficulty in finding the requested information, but we will do our best to get the information you request to you in a timely manner.

How to contact the VLRS?

Requests should be submitted via our webpage <http://www.uvm.edu/~vlrs/?Page=VLRSAutoForm.html> or directly to Professor Gierzynski’s email agierzyn@uvm.edu. Requests for information should be as specific as possible. Include the type of report (a full policy report or a quick memo or both) the date by which you need the information, your name and how to contact you. Also let us know if you want to remain anonymous as the requester. We will email the completed reports to the legislator making the request and the reports will be posted on our Web page.