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PROGRAM EVALUATION REPORTS RELEASED

PIERRE –The Executive Board of the Legislative Research Council (LRC) approved Program Evaluation Reports during its November 9, 2018 meeting.

The Drug Court program within the Unified Judicial System and the Dakota at Home program within the Department of Human Services were the topics selected by the Executive Board for review.

The program evaluations were conducted by the LRC's Division of Fiscal and Program Analysis. This marks the first year that LRC staff have completed Program Evaluation Reports. The process began in late April when the Executive Board selected the program evaluation topics. LRC staff performed in-depth examination and analysis of the programs throughout the summer and fall. The evaluation included interviews with program staff, review of program policies and procedures, analysis of available fiscal and program data, observation of the programs, and research on relative laws, policies, and practices related to the programs.

The proposed reports were presented to the Executive Board by division staff during the committee's November meeting. Representatives from the Unified Judicial System and Department of Human Services were available to answer questions or provide comments. The reports were unanimously approved by all members present at the meeting.

The approved Program Evaluation Reports (which can be viewed on the [LRC website](#)) include background information on the programs, evaluation of the program based on the scope approved by the Executive Board, and findings and recommendations.

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