

SECTION 16. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning shall provide a semi-annual report on indirect costs to the Joint Budget and Audit Committee. The report should assess available information on the timeliness, completeness and deposit history of indirect cost recoveries by State agencies.

SECTION 17. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That a budget amendment to appropriate an amount of federal funds in excess of any federal fund appropriation in this bill may not be approved by the Governor until the amendment has been reviewed by the Joint Budget and Audit Committee. The committee shall have 45 days to review and consider the proposed budget amendment and may submit recommendations to the Governor.

SECTION 18. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That whenever the Joint Budget and Audit Committee through its review and evaluation process of audit reports issued by the Legislative Auditor, and after consultation with the Legislative Auditor determines, based upon exceptions contained in the audit reports, that a particular agency (to include department, administration, division, bureau, board, or commission) does not adequately account for its fiscal affairs and/or does not adequately comply with State laws, rules and regulations regarding the agency's fiscal and accounting record and procedures and/or fiscal and administrative activities, that committee may recommend to the Governor that the Comptroller withhold up to 25 percent of the salary of the head of the agency, and/or the salary of the Secretary of the Department wherein the agency is budgeted. The amount to be withheld, the duration of such withholding, and the date of release of amount withheld shall be recommended by the committee after consultation with the Legislative Auditor including any recommendations that the Legislative Auditor deems appropriate. The Governor shall advise the committee as to the decision regarding the committee's recommendations. If the Governor directs that the salary of the head of an agency and/or the salary of the Secretary of the Department wherein the agency is budgeted withheld, the Governor may recommend to the committee the date on which the salary shall be restored to the full amount as provided in the budget and the amount to be withheld to be paid. The committee shall consider the recommendation of the Governor and advise the Governor as to its decision whether or not to allow the salary to be restored to the full amount as provided in the budget and the amount withheld to be paid.

SECTION 19. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that any unspent portion of funds appropriated for the purpose of funding the object classification .06 Fuel and Utilities within the public institutions of higher