

of reducing the waiting list for community services for individuals with developmental disabilities, or with respect to funds to be carried forward into future years for HIV/AIDS-related activities;

(ii) when additional federal funds are sought or otherwise become available in the course of the fiscal year, agencies shall consider, in consultation with the Department of Budget and Management, whether opportunities exist to use these federal revenues to support existing operations rather than to expand programs or establish new ones; and

(iii) the Department of Budget and Management shall take appropriate actions to effectively establish these as policies of the State with respect to administration of federal funds by executive agencies.

SECTION 34. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Budget and Management and the Department of Human Resources shall jointly submit a budget amendment to reconcile the accounts of the Department of Human Resources with the closeout of fiscal year 2000, to the budget committees by November 1, 2000. Further provided that the budget committees shall have 45 days to review and comment upon the budget amendment.

SECTION 35. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that, in the budget submitted at the 2001 session, funds may be expended to implement provisions of collective bargaining agreements invoked under Executive Order 01.01.1996.13 or legislation enacted at the 2000 session only to the extent that:

(1) the direct and indirect cost of implementing the provisions, including the cost of additional employee compensation and fringe benefits developed in consultation with unit representatives, is expressly identified in the budget bill in a format similar to that used for the 2000 session; and

(2) the amount indicated is approved by the General Assembly through its actions on the budget bill.

SECTION 36. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of General Services (DGS), in consultation with the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA), shall provide a report by November 1 of each year describing the State's efforts to coordinate the purchase of electricity for all State agencies, including institutions of higher education. The report should include (1) the strategies that will be used to purchase the best electric service at the lowest cost; and (2) the efforts that DGS and MEA will employ to annually evaluate whether State agencies are continuing to receive the best electric service at the lowest cost. No State agency shall purchase electricity in the State's competitive electric utility market until the budget committees have had 45 days to review and comment on this report. The University of Maryland, College Park Energy Project, which has entered into a 20-year contract for generation of electricity, shall be exempt from the DGS report and competitive purchase requirements.

SECTION 36. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of General Services (DGS), in consultation with the Maryland Energy Administration