

(I) IN ADDITION TO THE OUTSTANDING PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST, ASSESS AND COLLECT FROM THE DEBTOR A FEE, WHICH MAY NOT EXCEED 20% OF THE OUTSTANDING PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST, SUFFICIENT TO COVER ALL COLLECTION AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS; AND

(II) PRIOR TO CREDITING ANY AMOUNT TO ANY AGENCY WHICH REFERS A DEBT FOR ANY PURPOSE, WITHHOLD A FEE SUFFICIENT TO COVER ALL COLLECTION AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS; AND

(3) WAIVE OR REDUCE ANY FEE ASSESSED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(b) [Notwithstanding] IN ADDITION TO THE AUTHORITY PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, AND NOTWITHSTANDING that the Central Collection Unit is a unit of the State government and that assistant attorneys general represent the Unit, the Unit may enforce a statutory or written contractual obligation of a debtor to pay costs in addition to principal, including collection costs, counsel fees, or interest penalties.

3-305.

(a) Except as provided in [subsection (b)] SUBSECTIONS (B) AND (C) of this section, the Central Collection Unit shall pay the net proceeds of collections into the State Treasury.

(b) If the funds of a unit of the State government are not part of the State Treasury, the Central Collection Unit shall deliver to the Treasurer the net proceeds of collection on a debt or claim that was due to the unit of the State government for its account.

(C) ALL FEES COLLECTED UNDER § 3-304(A)(2) OF THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE CENTRAL COLLECTION FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 3-306 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

3-306.

(A) THERE IS A CENTRAL COLLECTION FUND.

(B) THE CENTRAL COLLECTION FUND IS A CONTINUING, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(C) THE FUND SHALL CONSIST OF ALL FEES COLLECTED UNDER § 3-304(A)(2) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(D) SUBJECT TO THE APPROPRIATION PROCESS IN THE STATE BUDGET, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL USE THE FUND FOR THE EXPENSES OF OPERATING THE CENTRAL COLLECTION UNIT.

(E) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL HOLD AND THE STATE COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.