

(a) Submits to the budget committees for review and comment a plan for revising the rate setting methodology for residential services that includes a detailed explanation of all standards necessary for the effective implementation of that plan in the fiscal 2000 budget; and

(b) Submits a report to the budget committees no later than October 1, 1998, detailing the actual rates to be used in the preparation of the fiscal 2000 budget.

(2) The following schedule of general fund appropriations in this budget are subject to the restrictions set forth in this section:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Boards, Commissions and Offices</u>	<u>DA05.02 Office for Children, Youth and Families</u>	<u>\$200,000</u>
<u>Department of Budget and Management</u>	<u>FA01.01 Executive Direction</u>	<u>\$200,000</u>
<u>Department of Health and Mental Hygiene</u>	<u>MA01.01 Executive Direction</u>	<u>\$200,000</u>
<u>Department of Human Resources</u>	<u>NA01.01 Office of the Secretary</u>	<u>\$200,000</u>
<u>State Department of Education</u>	<u>RA01.01 Office of the State Superintendent</u>	<u>\$200,000</u>
<u>Department of Juvenile Justice</u>	<u>VA01.01 Office of the Secretary</u>	<u>\$200,000</u>

SECTION 38. 37. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(1) To recognize savings resulting from reductions in the cost of desktop microcomputer equipment due to advances in the information technology industry, funds appropriated in this budget for microcomputers shall be reduced as provided in this section;

(2) The Governor shall develop a schedule for allocating this reduction to the programs of the executive branch and take such actions as may be required to implement the reduction under Section 7-213 of the State Finance and Procurement Article; and

(3) Notwithstanding limitations on budget amendments imposed elsewhere in this Act, agencies may purchase additional microcomputers if needed to attain year 2000 compliance; and

(4) Aggregate reductions under this section shall equal at least the amounts indicated for the budgetary fund types listed:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>General</u>	<u>\$1,132,000</u>
<u>Special</u>	<u>\$434,000</u>
<u>Federal</u>	<u>\$549,000</u>
<u>Current Unrestricted</u>	<u>\$266,000</u>
<u>Current Restricted</u>	<u>\$73,000</u>