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a. CHANGED COST FACTORS: No state agency, or its governing body, shall alter factors (e.g., qualification level for receipt of payment or service) which may increase the number of eligible recipients for its authorized services or payments, or alter factors which may increase the unit cost of benefit payments within its authorized services, except with the prior written approval of the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget.

b. NEW SERVICES:

1. No state agency shall begin any new service that will call for future additional property, plant or equipment or that will require an increase in subsequent general or nongeneral fund operating expenses without first obtaining the authorization of the General Assembly. However, the Governor may in writing authorize new services within the amounts and general purposes of the appropriations authorized by this act.

2. Pursuant to the policies and procedures of the State Council of Higher Education regarding approval of academic programs and the concomitant enrollment, no state institution of higher education shall operate any academic program with funds in this act unless approved by the Council and included in the Executive Budget, or approved by the General Assembly. The Council may grant exemptions to this policy in exceptional circumstances.

3. Reporting on all new services shall be in accordance with § 4-8.00, Reporting Requirements.

c. ~~OFF-CAMPUS BRANCHES, DIVISIONS, CENTERS, DAY OR EVENING SCHOOLS, NEW CAMPUSES~~ *SITES OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION:*

No state institution of higher education shall establish any off-campus site, without the prior approval of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia. *For the colleges of the Virginia Community College System, the State Board for Community Colleges shall be responsible for approving off-campus site offerings.* Activities governed by this requirement are those at locations not contiguous to the main campus of the institution where credit or non-credit offerings are provided and for which full-time, part-time, or resident staff are employed unless specific appropriations identifying the additional activities have been made. ~~Neither shall planning~~ *Planning shall not be* initiated for any new campus nor any operations begin at a new campus without first referring the matter to the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia for information, consideration, and recommendation to the Governor and General Assembly and without subsequent prior approval of the General Assembly.

d. PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT DATA:

The Department of Planning and Budget is hereby directed to coordinate the collection of performance measurement data from state agencies in the Executive Department and to prescribe criteria and guidelines for that purpose.

The Department of Planning and Budget shall coordinate the development of additional performance measures by

the state agencies listed below. These performance measures shall focus on program effectiveness rather than outputs. Proposed drafts of these performance measures shall be reported to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees by September 1, 1997, along with background papers containing a discussion of the methodology used to generate the data for the measures.

- 1. The Department of Education*
- 2. The Virginia Economic Development Partnership*
- 3. The Department of Environmental Quality*
- 4. The Department of Transportation*
- 5. The Department of Information Technology*
- 6. The Department of Taxation*
- 7. The Department of Social Services*
- 8. The Department of Corrections*
- 9. The Department of Juvenile Justice*

The staffs of the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission and the Department of Planning and Budget will assist the Committees in the evaluation of these proposed measures. Subsequent to acceptance of the proposed effectiveness measures by the Committees, the Department of Planning and Budget shall incorporate them into its performance measurement system. The Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission shall be responsible for periodically reporting to the Committees the extent to which agencies are complying with the methodologies and performance measures and shall recommend modifications as required.