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§ 4-5.05 SERVICES AND CLIENTS

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, 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 SITES OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION:

No public college or university shall plan for any off-campus location without first referring the matter to the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia for information, consideration, and recommendation to the Governor and the General Assembly. No public college or university shall establish or employ faculty or staff at an off-campus location without prior approval of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, unless the General Assembly has provided specific approval or appropriation identifying the additional off-campus activities. For the colleges of the Virginia Community College System, the State Board for Community Colleges shall be responsible for approving off-campus locations. Activities governed by this requirement are those at any locations not contiguous to the main campus of the institution, including locations outside Virginia, where credit or noncredit offerings are provided and for which full-time or part-time faculty or staff are employed.

d. PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT

1. The Director, Department of Planning and Budget, and the Director, Department of General Services, shall collect performance measurement information for capital projects. The information shall include, but not be limited to, the degree to which projects are completed on time and within budget.

2. The Director, Department of Planning and Budget and the Secretary of Technology or his designee, shall collect performance measurement information for technology projects. The information shall include, but not be limited

to, the degree to which projects are completed on time and within budget. The performance measurement system for technology projects shall be effective July 1, 2003.

3. In accordance with § 2.2-1501, Code of Virginia, the Department of Planning and Budget shall develop a programmatic budget and accounting structure for all new programs and activities to ensure that it provides the appropriate financial and performance measures to determine if programs achieve desired results and outcomes. The Department of Accounts shall provide assistance as requested by the Department of Planning and Budget. The Department of Planning and Budget shall provide this information each year when the Governor submits the budget in accordance with § 2.2-1509, Code of Virginia, to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations, House Finance, and Senate Finance Committees.