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H 1737. GOVERNOR'S EFFICIENCY STUDY COMMISSION. RELATING TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GOVERNOR'S EFFICIENCY STUDY COMMISSION RELATING TO A FEE FOR THE STATEWIDE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE PROGRAM AND IMPLEMENTING AN EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENT COST-SAVINGS PROGRAM. Amends GS 147-86.22(c) to allow the State Controller to use collection agencies for collection of accounts receivable. Adds new GS 147-86.22(d) to impose a collection assistance fee of 20% of past-due debt that remains unpaid 30 days or more as long as debtor has been given proper notice of fee. Provides that if only part of the debt is collected, collection assistance fee has priority over debt; fee is a receipt of the agency and must be applied to the costs of collecting past-due debts. Adds new GS 143-345.30 to set up a competitive grant reserve in the Office of State Budget and Management. Requires 0.5% of General Fund operating appropriations of most state agencies (after certain exclusions) to be set aside, with half being immediately reverted to General Fund. Of funds remaining in reserve, one-half must be used to implement cost-savings efficiency projects internal to state agencies and one-half to implement multi-agency or statewide improvement projects. Effective July 1, 2002.

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