

1 **SECTION 3.** Section 6 of S.L. 1999-341, as amended by Section 17 of S.L.
2 2000-120, reads as rewritten:

3 "Section 6. The Department of Revenue shall conduct a study to identify and
4 evaluate proposals for more efficient collection of taxes, including using electronic
5 commerce and other technology to increase efficiency. The study shall include an
6 analysis of the most efficient tax collection methods used in other states. The State
7 Controller shall cooperate with the Department of Revenue in this study. The
8 Department shall report the results of its study, including findings, recommendations,
9 and estimated revenue gains of each recommendation, to the Revenue Laws Study
10 Committee by May 1, 2000. To implement this section, the Secretary of Revenue may
11 draw up to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the 1999-2000 fiscal year from net
12 collections that would otherwise be credited to the General Fund under G.S.
13 105-269.14, enacted by Section 2 of this act. To implement the recommendations of this
14 study, the Secretary may enter into a performance-based contract and may withhold
15 ~~from the revenue collected pursuant to Section 5 of this act~~ collections under Article 4
16 of Chapter 105 of the General Statutes in the 2001-2003 fiscal biennium the amount
17 needed to obtain assistance in developing a request for proposal for the
18 performance-based contract."

19 **SECTION 4.** G.S. 105A-13(b) reads as rewritten:

20 "(b) Federal Setoff. – A collection assistance fee ~~of fifteen dollars (\$15.00)~~ applies
21 to a setoff made by the United States Department of the Treasury to recover tax owed to
22 North Carolina. The amount of the fee is the amount the United States Department of
23 the Treasury charges for setoff plus five dollars (\$5.00) to cover administrative costs of
24 the Department of Revenue. The Department of Revenue must add the fee to the
25 amount of the tax liability submitted to the United States Department of the Treasury for
26 setoff. The Department of Revenue must collect the fee as part of the debt and retain it.
27 If a federal setoff covers only part of the tax due, the collection assistance fee has
28 priority over the tax due."

29 **SECTION 5.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2001.