XVI. PROHIBITION AGAINST COMMINGLING

The Iowa Department of Education assures that IDEA Part B funds are not commingled with state funds through use of a separate accounting system that includes an audit trail of expenditures for Part B funds. The tracking of the use of both funding sources is done through unique account codes to ensure appropriate use. The use of both funding streams is reviewed by the DE on an annual basis. The Auditor of State conducts compliance audits on a regularly scheduled basis, and each public agency is audited annually by the Auditor of State or a private auditing firm. Copies of all audit reports and negative audit findings, including those related to special education, are referred to the Department.

Public agencies may use funds under Part B for costs of special education and related services and supplementary aids and services provided in a regular class or other education related setting to a child with a disability in accordance with the IEP of the child, even if one or more non-disabled children benefit from these services.