

31. (Declaration of Policy.) In order to extend to employees of *the State of Maryland and* the political subdivisions of the State of Maryland and to the dependents and survivors of such employees, the basic protection accorded to others by the Old Age and Survivors' Insurance system embodied in the Social Security Act of the United States, it is hereby declared to be the policy of the Legislature, subject to the limitations of this sub-title, that such steps be taken as to provide such protection to employees of *the State of Maryland and* the political sub-divisions of the State of Maryland on as broad a basis as is permitted under the Social Security Act.

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(b). The term "employment" means any service performed by an employee of *the State of Maryland and of* any political sub-division of the State, for such employer, except (1) service which in the absence of an agreement entered into under this sub-title would constitute "employment" as defined in the Social Security Act; or (2) service which under the Social Security Act may not be included in an agreement between the State and the Federal Security Administrator entered into under this sub-title; or (3) any services of an emergency nature, any agricultural labor or service performed by a student which is excluded from employment by any provision of Section 210 (a) of the Social Security Act, other than paragraph (8) of such section, services in any class or classes of positions filled by popular election, or services in any class or classes of positions the compensation for which is on a fee basis, if excepted from coverage in the plan submitted under Section 34.

(c). The term "employee" includes *an employee of the State of Maryland and* an officer of a political sub-division of the State;

33. (Federal State Agreement.) (a) The State Agency is hereby authorized to enter on behalf of the State into an agreement with the Federal Security Administrator, consistent with the terms and provisions of this sub-title, for the purpose of extending the benefits of the Federal Old Age and Survivors Insurance System to employees of *the State of Maryland and of* any political sub-division of the State with respect to services specified in such agreement which constitute "employment" as defined in Section 32 of this Article. Such agreement may contain such provisions relating to coverage, benefits, contributions, effec-