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The Governor's Committee to Promote Employment of the Physically Handicapped was established by the Governor in 1947 in response to a request by the President of the United States. It is the purpose of the Committee to coordinate and promote the programs of counselling, training and placement existing among State agencies for the physically handicapped. It is a function of the Committee to create an awareness on the part of the public, particularly employers, of the problems faced by the handicapped in finding employment, and to develop a feeling of responsibility on the part of employers in giving work to these people. The Committee has publicized the experience of employers with handicapped workers and endeavors to stimulate public interest in providing suitable facilities for handicapped individuals in the State.

Appropriations	1955	1956
General Fund	\$3,000	\$3,000

STATE COMMISSIONER OF PERSONNEL

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The State Commissioner of Personnel is the head of the State Merit System which was established in 1920 by act of legislature which is now codified as Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition). The Office of State Commissioner of Personnel was established by the Acts of 1953. The position was previously known as Commissioner of State Employment and Registration. The Commissioner, who is appointed by the Governor for a term of six years, is responsible for the administration of the Merit System Law and is empowered to make, with the approval of the Governor, such rules as he deems necessary or proper to that end. The purpose of the Merit System Law is to provide candidates for appointment to positions in the classified service after determining by practical tests the fitness of such candidates for the positions which they seek, without regard to the political or religious opinions or affiliations of such candidates, or of any other standard except the business efficiency of the classified service, and to provide adequate means for the prompt removal from positions in the classified service of all persons therein who may be indolent, incompetent, inefficient or otherwise unfit to remain therein, and to keep in a workable state the provisions for the promotion of employees as provided in this Article to the end that the same shall be so administered as to attract the best class of candidates to the classified service (Code 1951, Art. 64A, sec. 39). The State Commissioner of Personnel is, therefore, the Chief Personnel Officer for the Classified Service of the State of Maryland, which is presently composed of approximately

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