

*State Employment Agencies.*

2A. It shall be the duty of the State Board of Labor and Statistics to organize, establish and conduct free employment agencies, in such parts of the State as said Board may deem advisable, for the free use of the citizens of the State of Maryland, for the purpose of securing employment for unemployed persons who may register in said agencies, and for the purpose of securing help or labor for persons registering as applicants for help or labor. The said Board shall investigate the extent and the cause or causes of unemployment in this State, and the remedies therefor adopted and applied in the States of this country and in other countries, and report thereon to the Governor, and shall do all in its power to bring together employers seeking employees and working and laboring people seeking employment.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That a new section be and the same hereby is added to Article 89 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Statistics and Information as to Branches of Industry," sub-title "Arbitration of Labor Disputes," said new section to be sub-titled "Arbitration of Disputes between Employers and Employees," to follow immediately after section 10 of said Article and sub-section, to be known as section 11, and to read as follows:

*Arbitration of Disputes between Employers and Employees.*

11. It shall be the duty of the State Board of Labor and Statistics to do all in its power to promote the voluntary arbitration, mediation and conciliation of controversies and disputes between employers and employees, and to avoid resort to lockouts, boycotts, blacklists, discriminations and legal proceedings in or arising out of such controversies and disputes and matters of employment. In pursuance of this duty, the said Board may, whenever it deems advisable, but subject to the approval of the Governor, appoint boards of arbitration for the consideration and settlement of such controversies and disputes, and may provide for the necessary expenses of such arbitration boards, and for such reasonable compensation to the members serving thereon as the said Board may deem proper, not exceeding, however, the sum of five dollars per day for each member for each day during which such member is engaged in work upon said arbitration boards. The said Board shall prescribe rules of procedure for such arbitration