

istrator whose office is established by Article 41, Section 207D, of this Code;

4.

[There is hereby created the Metropolitan Transit Authority, a body corporate and politic, as] *The Public Transit Administration established pursuant to Article 41, Section 207D of this Code is an instrumentality of the Department of Transportation of the State, [which] and, subject to the authority of the Secretary of Transportation and the Maryland Transportation Authority set forth in Articles 41 and 94A of this Code or elsewhere in the laws of Maryland, the Administration shall have the powers and duties granted in this article, as amended from time to time, and such additional powers as may hereafter lawfully be conferred upon it pursuant to law, to manage, conduct and control the functions, affairs and property of the [corporation] Administration.*

*The powers, authority and functions vested in the Public Transit Administration by the provisions of Sections 6, 8(c) through 8(n), 18, 23, 29, 31, 34, 35, 36, 37, 44, 45 and 46 of this Article, shall be exercised or performed by the Administration subject to the approval of the Secretary of Transportation or, with respect to matters within the jurisdiction of the Maryland Transportation Authority, the approval of the Maryland Transportation Authority. However, the Secretary or the Maryland Transportation Authority, by regulations or directives, may dispense with such power of approval, and authorize the Administration to proceed pursuant to such sections without obtaining prior approval, to the extent that the Secretary or Authority deem appropriate.*

6.

(a) The [board] *Administration shall appoint and employ a [general manager and a] general counsel, whose compensation shall be fixed and determined by the [Authority] Administration, who shall [be hired on a full-time basis and who shall] serve at the pleasure of the [Authority] Administration.*

(b) The [general manager] *Public Transit Administrator shall be the chief administrative officer of the [Authority] Administration and, subject to policy direction by the [board] Secretary of Transportation, shall be responsible for all activities of the [Authority] Administration. All employees and all officers, [other than those specified in Section 5] shall be appointed and removed by the [general manager] Administrator under such rules of procedure and standards as the [board] Secretary of Transportation may determine.*

8.

(f) Grants, loans, advances, etc.—To apply for, receive and accept grants, gifts, payments, loans, advances and other funds, appropriations, properties and services from the United States, the State of Maryland, or any agency or political subdivision thereof, or from any other public or private corporation, organization or person, and enter into agreements with respect thereto and for any studies, plans,