

or which most closely compares with his last job classification as a Baltimore City employee. An employee appointed to the State merit system under this section shall be given credit thereunder for the years of service rendered in Baltimore City for the purposes of establishing retirement and death benefits, compensation rates, including longevity steps, and the basic rates for vacation and sick leave credit earnings. No such employee who has been transferred from the Baltimore City health department to the State merit system may receive any diminution in compensation solely as a result of such transfer and appointment.

25C.

Any employee of Baltimore City who is engaged in the electronic data processing operations and in the work, experience and training program of the department of public welfare of Baltimore City and who, while so employed, applies to the **Commissioner** *Secretary of Personnel* for appointment under the State merit system on or before July 1, 1968, shall be so appointed, and without further examination or qualification shall be classified in the job classification under the State merit system which is comparable or which most closely compares with his last job classification as a Baltimore City employee. An employee appointed to the State merit system under this section shall be given credit thereunder for the years of service rendered in Baltimore City for the purposes of compensation rates, including longevity steps, and the basic rates for vacation and sick leave credit earnings. Any such employee shall be fully subject to the rights, duties, and privileges of Article 73B of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Pensions." No such employee who has been transferred from the department of public welfare of Baltimore City to the State merit system may receive any diminution in compensation solely as a result of such transfer and appointment.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That Sections 26 and 28 of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition, 1968 Replacement Volume and 1969 Supplement), title "Merit System," be and they are hereby repealed in their entirety.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That Sections 27, 29, 30(a), 30(b), 30(c), 31, 32, 32A, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37(c), 38, 39, 40, 41, 43, 49(a), 49(e), 49(f), 49(h), 49(i), 49(j) (3) (E), 49(k) (1), 49(k) (2), 49(k) (3) and 49(k) (5) of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition, 1968 Replacement Volume and 1969 Supplement), title "Merit System," be and they are hereby repealed and reenacted with amendments, all to read as follows:

27.

(a) **The Commissioner** shall be responsible for developing all data, including but not limited to tables, charts, job descriptions, job comparisons, and ratings for use of the Standard Salary Board. It shall be the duty of the Board to consider the materials developed by the Commissioner and after **After** consultation with appointing authorities, the **State Employees Standard Salary Board** *Secretary of Personnel* shall prepare and recommend to the Governor a pay plan for all classes of positions in both the classified and unclassified service to the end that all positions in such services involving comparable duties, experience, responsibilities and authority