compensation for such employment as of February 1, 1961, and who previously served as a desk officer or employee of either house of the General Assembly and received per diem compensation for such previous service, shall be entitled to prior service credit equal to four years for any four-year term of a General Assembly during which such previous service was rendered.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1970.

Approved May 5, 1970

CHAPTER 550

(Senate Bill 312)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 12 (c) of Article 77A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume), title "Higher Education," subtitle "State Colleges," correcting the laws to include as members of the Employees' Retirement System all employees other than the executive director and the professional employees of the State colleges. PROVIDE THAT EMPLOYEES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE STATE COLLEGES SHALL BE MEMBERS OF EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OR THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 12 (c) of Article 77A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume), title "Higher Education," subtitle "State Colleges," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

12.

(c) Executive director; employees subject to merit system; membership in Teachers' Retirement System.—The board shall appoint a qualified person as executive director who shall serve at the pleasure of the board and receive such salary as is provided in the budget. The executive director shall be the chief administrative officer of the board; he shall keep a record of all meetings of the board, maintain and preserve all books, records and papers of the board, and perform such other duties as the board may prescribe. The board shall also appoint at the recommendation of the executive director such other staff members as may be necessary to carry out the duties of the board. The employees of the board, with the exception of the executive director and professional employees who shall not be included in the classified service, shall be subject to the provisions of Article 64A of this Code, title "Merit System." The executive director and all professional and clerical employees of the board shall be eligible for membership in and shall become members of the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Maryland-All other employees shall be eligible for membership in and shall become members of OR the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Maryland.