

AGENCIES AND OFFICIALS, AND SHALL TRANSFER ALL SUCH EMPLOYEES TO THE CENTRAL COLLECTION UNIT CREATED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. ALL EMPLOYEES SO TRANSFERRED SHALL BE TRANSFERRED WITHOUT LOSS OR DIMUNITION OR REMUNERATION OF BENEFITS.

(4) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, WITH THE ADVICE OF THE SECRETARY, SHALL ASSIGN ONE OR MORE ASSISTANT ATTORNEYS GENERAL TO THE CENTRAL COLLECTION UNIT. SUCH ASSISTANT OR ASSISTANTS SHALL DEVOTE FULL TIME TO THEIR DUTIES WITH THE CENTRAL COLLECTION UNIT AND SHALL HAVE NO OTHER DUTIES OR ASSIGNMENTS. IF A GENERAL COUNSEL IS APPOINTED FOR THE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 41 SECTION 71(D), THE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL ASSIGNED TO THE CENTRAL COLLECTION UNIT SHALL BE UNDER THE CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL. THE SECRETARY MAY ENTER INTO ARRANGEMENTS WITH ONE OR MORE OTHER ATTORNEYS TO HANDLE COLLECTIONS ON AN AGREED CASE BY CASE BASIS WHERE IT IS NOT FEASIBLE FOR THE ASSISTANT ATTORNEYS GENERAL ASSIGNED TO THE CENTRAL COLLECTION UNIT TO HANDLE THE PARTICULAR CASE OR CASES.

(5) EVERY STATE AGENCY AND OFFICIAL SHALL PROMPTLY REFER TO THE CENTRAL COLLECTION UNIT ALL DELINQUENT DEBTS AND ACCOUNTS AND ALL DATA, RECORDS, AND INFORMATION NECESSARY FOR THE COLLECTION OF SUCH DEBTS AND ACCOUNTS. NO STATE AGENCY OR OFFICIAL SHALL HEREAFTER COMPROMISE, SETTLE OR WAIVE ANY DELINQUENT DEBT OR ACCOUNT. ALL STATE AGENCIES AND OFFICIALS CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN THE COLLECTION OF DEBTS AND DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS SHALL TURN OVER TO THE CENTRAL COLLECTION UNIT, ALL PROPERTY, FURNITURE, MOVABLE FIXTURES, AND EQUIPMENT USED BY THE EMPLOYEES TRANSFERRED TO THE CENTRAL COLLECTION UNIT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, AS WELL AS ALL DATA, RECORDS, AND INFORMATION NECESSARY FOR THE COLLECTION OF DEBTS AND ACCOUNTS CURRENTLY BEING PROCESSED BY SUCH AGENCIES AND OFFICIALS. ANY UNEXPENDED APPROPRIATIONS AND MONEYS IN THE CUSTODY OR CONTROL OF ANY STATE AGENCY OR OFFICIAL APPROPRIATED FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT DEBTS AND ACCOUNTS SHALL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FISCAL PLANNING FOR THE USE OF THE CENTRAL COLLECTION UNIT.

(6) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL APPLY TO THE COLLECTION OF TAXES, AND THAT FUNCTION SHALL REMAIN WITH THE COMPTROLLER AND NOT BE TRANSFERRED TO THE CENTRAL COLLECTION UNIT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 7(f) of Article 27A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Supplement), title "Public Defender," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows: