

within the county if it is requested of the Board by [said] THE municipality or political subdivision. The Board [is authorized to] MAY negotiate by contract with recreation or sports groups or associations to incorporate the activities of [said] THE groups or associations into the programs established by the Board under this [Section] SUBTITLE.

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[(c)] The Board shall designate a director to coordinate its program of recreation for Prince George's County with the Commission's Park functions. The Board shall employ [such] full and part time personnel as [may be] necessary to carry out the functions and programs provided herein. Full time personnel shall be employed according to and shall be placed under the provisions of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission's merit system as provided in Chapter 780 of the Laws of 1959, as amended or recodified. Part time or temporary personnel may be appointed by the Board for such a period of time and at such a salary as the Board may determine. The services of volunteer workers without compensation may also be accepted by the Board. All personnel employed by the Recreation Department on the effective date of this act who are under the provisions of the Prince George's County merit system [,] shall be employed by The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission in such capacity as will further the functions and programs provided herein, in each position classification as the Board may establish, and at a pay grade not less than that occupied in the Prince George's County merit system. Employees transferring to the Maryland - National Capital Park and Planning Commission pursuant to this [Section] SUBTITLE shall be given credit for sick and annual leave purposes for service under the Prince George's County merit system and for any other benefits, privileges and rights accrued while employed by Prince George's County.

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[(d)] The Board in the planning, development and conduct of its program of recreation and in scheduling the use of publicly owned lands or buildings for the conduct of its program[,] shall cooperate to the fullest extent possible with all other duly recognized and generally accepted agencies, groups and organizations who may desire to use the [said] lands or buildings. The Board [is authorized to] MAY accept grants and gifts from governmental or private sources to be used in furtherance of the functions and programs provided herein.

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