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CHAPTER 597

(Senate Bill 646)

AN ACT concerning

State Merit System

FOR the purpose of bringing into the classified service of the State of Maryland certain employees of the University of Baltimore.

BY adding to

Article 64A — Merit System Section 9M Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 9M be and it is hereby added to Article 64A — Merit System, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 64A - Merit System

9M.

PERSONS EMPLOYED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE, EXCEPT FACULTY MEMBERS AND THOSE EMPLOYEES [[WITH PACULTY]] HOLDING PROFESSIONAL STATUS, FOR AT LEAST SIX CONSCUTIVE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1976, SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE MERIT SYSTEM UNDER THIS ARTICLE, AND SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR APPOINTMENT TO A COMPARABLE POSITION IN THE CLASSIPIED SERVICE UNDER THIS ARTICLE WITHOUT FURTHER EXAMINATION OR QUALIFICATION. AN EMPLOYEE WHO HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN THE STATE MERIT SYSTEM UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT RECEIVE ANY DIMINUTION IN COMPENSATION (BASED ON THE EMPLOYEE'S SALARY AS OF THE DATE OF ADOPTION) SOLELY AS A RESULT OF THE INCLUSION. ACCUMULATED ANNUAL LEAVE AND SICK LEAVE CREDITED TO EACH EMPLOYEE AT THE TIME OF THE INCLUSION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1976.

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