The County Commissioners of Garrett County shall institute a merit system for all county employees pursuant to the final reports and recommendations of the merit system commission and governmental study commission of Garrett County, the system to be effective as of January 1, 1972.

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

Approved April 13, 1976.

CHAPTER 203

(House Bill 1288)

AN ACT concerning

Prisoners - Baltimore City Jail

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Warden or Deputy Warden of the Baltimore City Jail to grant compassionate, special, and family leaves to inmates of the Jail under certain circumstances; and generally relating to inmate leaves.

BY adding to

Article 27 — Crimes and Punishments Sections 700B(g), 700C(e), and 700D—1(g) Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 — Crimes and Punishments Section 700D Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Sections 700B(g), 700C(e), and 700D-1(g) be and they are hereby added to Article 27 — Crimes and Punishments, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

700B.