

(2) THE AUTHORITY SHALL APPOINT AND REMOVE ALL PERSONNEL, EXCEPT FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE MERIT SYSTEM LAW.

(E) PURCHASING PROCEDURES. - IN ITS INTERNAL FUNCTIONS, THE AUTHORITY SHALL FOLLOW THE PROCEDURES OF THE STATE THAT GOVERN THE PURCHASE OF OFFICE SPACE, SUPPLIES, FACILITIES, MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT, AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES.

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(A) IN GENERAL. - ANY DETERMINATION BY THE AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT TO FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE IS SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE MARYLAND PUBLIC ETHICS LAW.

(B) FINDINGS, DETERMINATIONS, AGREEMENTS, OR BONDS NOT AFFECTED. - NEITHER THE EXISTENCE OF ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST NOR ANY VIOLATION OF THE MARYLAND PUBLIC ETHICS LAW SHALL AFFECT THE VALIDITY OF ANY FINDING OR DETERMINATION MADE PURSUANT TO THIS SUBTITLE, OR THE ENFORCEABILITY OF ANY AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO BY THE AUTHORITY UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, OR THE VALIDITY OR ENFORCEABILITY OF ANY BONDS ISSUED BY THE AUTHORITY.

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(A) AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY. - THE AUTHORITY EXERCISES ITS POWERS AND PERFORMS ITS DUTIES SUBJECT TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY.

(B) PERFORMANCE OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTIONS. - THE EXERCISE BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE POWERS GRANTED BY THIS SUBTITLE CONSTITUTES AN ESSENTIAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTION.

(C) PERSONAL LIABILITY. - NEITHER THE MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY NOR ANY PERSON EXECUTING BONDS OR ANY AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO BY THE AUTHORITY UNDER THIS SUBTITLE NOR ANY EMPLOYEE OF THE AUTHORITY, THE DEPARTMENT, OR THE STATE SHALL BE LIABLE PERSONALLY ON THE BONDS OR AGREEMENT OR BE SUBJECT TO ANY PERSONAL LIABILITY OR ACCOUNTABILITY BY REASON OF THE ISSUANCE, EXECUTION, OR DELIVERY THEREOF.

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IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER POWERS SET FORTH IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE AUTHORITY MAY:

(1) ADOPT BYLAWS TO REGULATE ITS AFFAIRS AND THE CONDUCT OF ITS BUSINESS;

(2) ADOPT AND USE AN OFFICIAL SEAL;

(3) MAINTAIN OFFICES AT THE PLACES IN THIS STATE THAT IT DESIGNATES;