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(a) (1) [With approval of the] THE STATE LABOR RELATIONS Board[, the Secretary] AND THE STATE HIGHER EDUCATION LABOR RELATIONS BOARD JOINTLY shall appoint an Executive Director of the [Board] BOARDS.

(2) The Executive Director:

(i) is responsible to and serves at the pleasure of the [Secretary] BOARDS; and

(ii) is entitled to the salary provided in the State budget.

(b) The Executive Director shall perform the duties that the [Secretary assigns] BOARDS ASSIGN, including:

(1) operating the office of the [Board] BOARDS; and

(2) keeping the official records of the [Board] BOARDS.

(C) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MAY HIRE ANY STAFF NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

[(c)] (D) (1) With approval of the [Secretary] BOARDS, the Executive Director may employ professional consultants.

(2) Each professional consultant serves at the pleasure of the Executive Director.

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The Department shall provide administrative support to the Board.]

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(a) The Board is responsible for administering and enforcing provisions of this title relating to employees described in § 3-102(a)(1) through (4) of this title.

(b) In addition to any other powers or duties provided for elsewhere in this title, the Board may:

(1) (i) establish guidelines for creating new bargaining units that include a consideration of:

1. the effect of over fragmentation on the employer;
2. the administrative structures of the State employer;
3. the recommendations of the parties;
4. the recommendations of the [Secretary] EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR;
5. the desires of the employees involved;
6. the communities of interest of the employees involved; and