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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

## **Article - Transportation**

2-103.4.

- (a) Without regard to the laws of this State relating to other State employees, the Secretary of Transportation may establish a human resources management system for employees of the Department and its units. Any human resources management system that the Secretary establishes under this section shall:
  - (1) Be based on merit;
- (2) Include fair and equitable procedures for appointment, hiring, promotion, layoff, removal, termination, redress of grievances, and reinstatement of employees; and
- (3) Permit employees to participate in the pension and retirement systems for employees of the State of Maryland authorized under Division II of the State Personnel and Pensions Article or any other pension and retirement systems authorized by law.
- (d) (1) The Secretary shall adopt regulations to govern the human resources management system established under this section.
- (2) The regulations shall address procedures for leave, appointment, hiring, promotion, layoff, removal, termination, redress of grievances, and reinstatement of employees and shall be presented to the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review under Title 10, Subtitle 1 of the State Government Article.
- (3) THE REGULATIONS SHALL PROVIDE THAT BEFORE TAKING ANY DISCIPLINARY ACTION RELATED TO EMPLOYEE MISCONDUCT, AN APPOINTING AUTHORITY OR DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE SHALL:
  - (I) INVESTIGATE THE ALLEGED MISCONDUCT:
  - (II) MEET WITH THE EMPLOYEE: