## Article 64A - Merit System

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- (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (2) "Contractual employee" means a person providing personal services to the State for remuneration provided that:
- (i) The services and remuneration are specified in an A WRITTEN agreement;
- (ii) An employer-employee relationship exists;
  and
- (iii) The person is not employed as a classified, unclassified or temporary extra employee.
- (3) "Employer-employee relationship" means conditions of employment such that:
- (i) The State has the right to control and direct the performance of services, not only as to results but also as to details and means;
- (ii) The State has the right to discharge the employee; and
- (iii) The State furnishes necessary tools and a place to work.
- (b) An agency of the executive may not execute or renew a contract for the employment of a contractual employee unless:
- (1) The Secretary of Personnel has issued a certification to the agency that:
- (i) The employment of the contractual employee is for services that could not be rendered by assignment or hiring of a classified or unclassified employee; [and]
  - (II) THE SERVICES ENCOMPASS FUNCTIONS THAT:
    - 1. ARE NEEDED FOR A LIMITED TIME;
    - ARE UNUSUAL;
    - 3. ARE INFREQUENT; OR
- 4. NEED TO BE ESTABLISHED QUICKLY AND FOR WHICH THERE IS NO REASONABLE ALTERNATIVE; AND
- [(ii)] (III) The rate of remuneration for the contractual employee is comparable to the rate paid for positions