

title "Merit System." Any employee of the [Office] ADMINISTRATION who is eligible for transfer to the State Merit System, and who has held this position for at least six (6) months, shall be so transferred without further probation, examination, or qualification. An employee transferred to the State Merit System, pursuant to this subsection shall be transferred in the respective job classification under which he is employed at the time of transfer and shall not receive any diminution in compensation and/or respective amounts of accumulated leave or sick leave, solely as a result of this transfer.

(d) In the performance of its duties, the [Office] ADMINISTRATION is hereby authorized and empowered to make and enter into contracts and to assume such other functions as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this subtitle that are not inconsistent with this or other acts. The [Office] ADMINISTRATION may make and enter into contracts with other boards, commissions, agencies and institutions of this State, other states and the federal government, upon such terms as may be eventually agreed upon, to have such studies and research activities as may be necessary and proper, and is authorized to pay the cost thereof out of funds which may be appropriated to the [Office] ADMINISTRATION.

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If and when the federal government or any agency thereof offers to the State or any political subdivision thereof services, equipment, supplies, materials or funds by way of gift or grant for purposes of economic opportunity or the advancement thereof under any federal or State program or legislation, the State, acting through the State of Maryland [Office of Community Services] COMMUNITY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, may accept such offer and may authorize any officer of the State or of one of the political subdivisions thereof as the case may be to receive and utilize such aid and assistance. Similarly, if any other person, firm or corporation offers to the State or to one or more of the political subdivisions thereof any such aid or assistance for purposes of economic opportunity, the offer may be accepted and the receiving and use of the aid and assistance may be authorized by the State of Maryland [Office of Community Services] COMMUNITY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1984.

Approved May 8, 1984.

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