

Sincerely,  
Harry Hughes  
Governor

Senate Bill No. 536

AN ACT concerning

Merit System - Examinations - Credit

FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Personnel to give credit to applicants for employment with the Division of Correction who are residents of counties in the State that have had a certain unemployment rate; providing for termination of this Act; and generally relating to examinations given under the Merit System of the State.

BY adding to

Article 64A - Merit System  
Section 18(d-1)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1983 Replacement Volume and 1984 Supplement)

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

Article 64A - Merit System

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(1) IN THIS SUBSECTION "AVERAGE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE" MEANS A ROLLING AVERAGE FOR THE PRECEDING 9 MONTH PERIOD.

(D-1) IN AN EXAMINATION FOR INITIAL APPOINTMENT AND EMPLOYMENT WITH THE DIVISION OF CORRECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, THE SECRETARY OF PERSONNEL SHALL GIVE CREDIT OF 5 POINTS TO A RESIDENT OF ANY COUNTY IN THE STATE THAT HAS HAD AN AVERAGE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE, AS REPORTED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING, IN EXCESS OF 15 PERCENT FOR AT LEAST 6 MONTHS OF THE 9 MONTH PERIOD PRECEDING THE EXAMINATION FOR WHICH THE AVERAGE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IS AVAILABLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1985. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years, and at the end of June 30, 1988, and with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

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