THE SECRETARY MAY MAKE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE HEAD OF ANOTHER UNIT OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT, OF A LOCAL GOVERNMENT, OF A REGIONAL OR LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY, OR OF A UNIT OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE TEMPORARY EXCHANGE OR TRANSFER OF EMPLOYEES:

- (1) FROM THE DEPARTMENT TO THE UNIT, LOCAL GOVERNMENT, OR AGENCY; OR
- (2) FROM THE UNIT, LOCAL GOVERNMENT, OR AGENCY TO THE DEPARTMENT.
 - (B) MAXIMUM TIME PERIOD.

AN EMPLOYEE MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED OR EXCHANGED UNDER THIS SECTION FOR MORE THAN 90 DAYS AT A TIME.

(C) APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED.

THE APPROVAL OF THE SECRETARY OF PERSONNEL IS NOT REQUIRED FOR AN AGREEMENT UNDER THIS SECTION.

(D) POSITION UNDER MERIT SYSTEM.

FOR PURPOSES OF THE STATE MERIT SYSTEM LAW, AN EMPLOYEE TRANSFERRED OR EXCHANGED UNDER THIS SECTION IS CONSIDERED TO CONTINUE IN THE POSITION FROM WHICH THE EMPLOYEE IS TEMPORARILY TRANSFERRED OR EXCHANGED.

(E) REIMBURSEMENT.

THE SECRETARY MAY AGREE TO REIMBURSE, OR COLLECT REIMBURSEMENT FROM, ANOTHER UNIT OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT, A LOCAL GOVERNMENT, A REGIONAL OR LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY, OR A FEDERAL AGENCY FOR A TRANSFER OR EXCHANGE OF EMPLOYEES UNDER THIS SECTION.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from the first, second, and third sentences of former Art. 88C, § 3.

In subsection (a) of this section, the words "unit of the federal government" are substituted for the former words "federal agency", for consistency with language used in § 5-402 of this subtitle.

In subsection (c) of this section, the words "Secretary of Personnel" are substituted for the former obsolete reference to the "State Commissioner of Personnel".

In subsection (d) of this section, the words "State merit system law" are substituted for the former obsolete reference to the "classified service law".