

Department of Human Resources as set forth in Article 41 of this Code or elsewhere in the laws of Maryland.

Article 73B - Pensions

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(1) There is created the Maryland State Retirement Agency, an agency of the Board of Trustees responsible for carrying out the administrative duties and business of the several systems, with the exception of investments.

(2) There shall be an executive director for administration who shall be in charge of the State Retirement Agency and shall have the functions and duties as may be delegated to him by the Board of Trustees. The executive director for administration shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board. [He shall receive the compensation provided in the budget.]

(3) The executive director for administration shall appoint the employees as are provided for in the budget. The staff shall be classified employees subject to the provisions of Article 64A, except for employees holding positions that are designated by the executive director, with the approval of the Board of Trustees, as professional or technical positions that involve specialized skill, education, and knowledge, and whose labor is predominantly intellectual rather than physical or manual. [The compensation of any unclassified employees shall be determined by the Board of Trustees, with the approval of the Board of Public Works.]

(4) The Board of Trustees shall be responsible for the budget of the State retirement agency. The executive director for administration shall compile annually a comprehensive budget for submission to the Board of Trustees.

(5) All expenses in connection with the administration and operation of the State Retirement Agency shall be paid from the income or assets of the funds of the several systems. Each of the several systems shall be charged its pro rata share of the expenses of administration and operation. Expenditures shall be in accordance with appropriations made by the General Assembly.

(6) (a) The State Retirement Agency may provide benefit determination data and other technical assistance on the written request of a participating municipal corporation that desires to establish a separate additional program of interim or supplemental allowances for a class or classes of its officers and employees as authorized in paragraph (c) of this subsection.

(b) The State Retirement Agency shall charge any municipal corporation making a request under paragraph (a) of this subsection for the expenses incurred in connection with the preparation of the data and the provision of the technical assistance.