

THE SECRETARY. THE SALARY SALARIES OF THE DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN THE ANNUAL STATE BUDGET.

(B) SUBJECT TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, THE PRETRIAL RELEASE SERVICES DIVISION SHALL, IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER DUTIES PROVIDED FOR BY LAW, PERFORM ~~ALL DUTIES RELATED TO PRETRIAL RELEASE,~~ INCLUDING THE PRETRIAL RELEASE DUTIES FORMERLY PERFORMED BY THE PRETRIAL RELEASE SERVICES DIVISION OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BALTIMORE CITY, THE PRETRIAL RELEASE COMMITTEE, AND THE DIVISION OF PAROLE AND PROBATION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That on July 1, 1988 all the functions, powers, duties, equipment, assets, liabilities, and employees of the Division of Parole and Probation in the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services relating to pretrial release services shall be transferred to the Pretrial Release Services Division.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except for the Director and Deputy Director, employees of the Pretrial Release Services Division shall be in the State classified service and shall be appointed in the manner provided for employees of the Division of Parole and Probation. For employees participating in the Baltimore city pension system, the State shall continue payments to the City as provided in Section 2-5A-06(b) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article.

An employee transferred under this Act shall be appointed without further examination or qualification. The employee shall be placed in a classification that is comparable in duties and responsibilities to the employee's former position. The employee may not suffer a diminution of salary or wages, accrued leave, whether earned or granted, or seniority rights.

Any increase in salary or wages granted after January 1, 1988 may be retained on appointment to the classified service only if approved by the appointing authority. When establishing the rate of salary on appointment, the monetary value of any and all other benefits, entitlements, services, or prerogatives may be considered.

After appointment, the employee is entitled to the same benefits provided to any employee who is subject to the State Merit System.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1988.

Approved May 17, 1988.