

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

**Article - State Personnel and Pensions**

2-102.

(d) The Secretary serves at the pleasure of the Governor and is responsible directly to the Governor. The Secretary shall advise the Governor on all matters relating to [State] employees IN THE STATE PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM and is responsible for carrying out the Governor's policies on personnel matters.

2-109.

(a) As to matters subject to the authority of the Secretary, the Secretary periodically shall conduct investigations and, as necessary, visits to various units to determine:

(1) the enforcement and effect of this Division I and the regulations adopted under it;

(2) the conduct of employees in the State Personnel Management System;

(3) the nature, tenure, and compensation of all positions in the State Personnel Management System;

(4) whether an employee is in the appropriate class;

(5) whether the duties performed by an employee conform to the duties listed for that employee's class;

(6) the methods of administration of the State Personnel Management System; and

(7) any other information that might help the Secretary to administer this Division I.

(b) In conducting an investigation under this section, the Secretary may require any [State] employee IN THE STATE PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM to appear before the Secretary or the Secretary's designee and give evidence.

5-102.

[(a)] This title applies to all permanent positions in units in the executive branch of State government, including any unit with an independent personnel system.

[(b) The Secretary may extend the provisions of this title to any unit in the legislative or judicial branch of State government.]