- [(1)] 1. [graduation] GRADUATION from an accredited college or university, with specialized study in either the field of fire protection or engineering [,]; and
- [(2)] 2. [five] FIVE years of recent progressively responsible experience in fire prevention inspection, fire investigation, fire safety promotion, fire protection engineering, teaching fire safety engineering, or fire fighting, three years of which must have been at the administrative level.

Article 40A - Maryland Public Ethics Law

1-201.

(bb) "Public official" means:

- (1) Any individual in an executive agency, including an individual employed on a full-time contractual basis for more than 6 months, who:
- (i) Is a classified SERVICE employee at grade level 16 or above, or, if not a classified SERVICE employee, receives a rate of compensation equal thereto, or is appointed to a board or commission; and

Article 41 – Governor – Executive and Administrative Departments 4–103.

- (b) (1) The Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services shall also have attached to [his] THE SECRETARY'S office such assistants, professional consultants and employees as are provided for in the State budget. [He] THE SECRETARY may establish areas of responsibility within [his] THE SECRETARY'S office and designate assistants to be in charge of such areas.
- (2) All staff assistants in the Secretary's office in charge of particular areas of responsibility[,] and all professional consultants shall BE IN THE UNCLASSIFIED SERVICE OF THE STATE PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND SHALL serve at the pleasure of the Secretary.
- (3) [All] EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW, ALL other employees of the Secretary's office[, unless otherwise provided by law,] shall be appointed and removed by the Secretary in accordance with the provisions of [Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland] THE STATE PERSONNEL ARTICLE THAT GOVERN CLASSIFIED SERVICE EMPLOYEES.

4-301.

(e) Subject to the authority of the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, the Commission is vested with the following powers, authority, responsibilities, and duties: