

(c) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the aggregate number of part-time classified service positions in all units subject to this title may not exceed 5% of the aggregate number of all classified service positions in those units.

(2) The maximum imposed by paragraph (1) of this subsection does not apply to soil conservation district employees who are employed in part-time classified service positions under § 8-203(e) of the Agriculture Article.]

[5-105.

(a) An individual who is a full-time employee or who is qualified for or desires to be a full-time employee may not be required to accept part-time employment as a condition of continued or new State employment.

(b) (1) An appointment to a part-time position in the classified service is subject to Title 4 of this article.

(2) An individual who is employed on a part-time basis shall meet the standards and requirements normally required of a full-time employee in a similar position with a similar grade and length of employment.

(c) In accordance with regulations adopted by the Secretary, a part-time employee is entitled to receive all employment rights, privileges, and benefits that are normally available to a full-time employee in a similar position with a similar grade and length of service, prorated in proportion to the number of hours employed.]

[5-106.

(a) The Department shall administer this title in substantial compliance with the standards of the Employment Standards Administration of the United States Department of Labor.

(b) The Secretary shall adopt regulations to carry out this title.

(c) (1) The Department shall consider the welfare of employees in each unit of State government that is subject to this title.

(2) The Department shall:

(i) conduct research and experimentation projects and any other activities designed to advance opportunities for part-time employment in the public sector;

(ii) encourage all public employers to adopt part-time employment practices; and

(iii) promote and supervise programs for part-time employment in units in the executive branch of State government.]

[5-107.

(a) (1) Each unit subject to this title shall adopt and maintain procedures, conduct continuous activities and projects, and take other appropriate measures to carry out this title.