

(c) (1) An employee may apply for a voluntary demotion to any vacant position of a lower grade in any unit in the Executive Branch for which the employee meets the minimum qualifications.

(2) An employee who applies for a voluntary demotion to a position will be considered for the position along with other eligible applicants.

7-701.

(a) In this title, "part-time employee" means an employee who works AN AVERAGE OF [for at least 16 hours per workweek, for not less than] 50% OR MORE BUT LESS THAN 100% [nor more than 80%] of the regular workweek.

(b) An individual who is a full-time employee 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.

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

(d) (1) 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.

(2) Benefits shall be prorated in proportion to the number of hours employed.

9-101.

(a) [(1)] This section applies to all employees in the State Personnel Management System ~~AND~~

~~[(2) Except as otherwise provided by law, this section applies to all employees of a State institution of higher education, including the University of Maryland System and Morgan State University, but] does not apply to any [other] unit with an independent personnel system.~~

(b) Subject to the requirements of this title, the Secretary shall adopt regulations, policies, and guidelines that:

(1) govern all aspects of leave and the keeping of time records for all employees subject to this section;

(2) require each unit subject to the regulations to submit to the Secretary an annual report that includes:

(i) the total number of employees in the unit; and

(ii) the aggregate amounts of annual, personal, and sick leave taken by the employees in the unit;

(3) provide for computations in a pay period of: