

(i) the head or deputy head of a correctional unit; or

(ii) a sheriff, warden, or superintendent or an individual with an equivalent title who is appointed or employed by a unit of government to exercise equivalent supervisory authority.

(f) "Correctional supervisor" means a correctional officer who has been promoted to first-line supervisory duties.

(g) (1) "Correctional unit" means a unit of State, county, or municipal government that is responsible under a statute, ordinance, or court order for the investigation, care, custody, control, and supervision of inmates and individuals who:

- (i) have been placed on parole or mandatory supervision;
- (ii) have been placed on probation; or
- (iii) have received a suspended sentence.

(2) "Correctional unit" [does not include] INCLUDES THOSE FACILITIES AS SET FORTH IN ARTICLE 83C, § 2-117 AND OTHER FACILITIES AS DESIGNATED BY the [Department] SECRETARY of Juvenile Justice.

(H) (1) "DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE EMPLOYEE" MEANS A YOUTH SUPERVISOR, YOUTH COUNSELOR, DIRECT CARE WORKER, OR OTHER EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE WHOSE EMPLOYMENT RESPONSIBILITY IS THE INVESTIGATION, CUSTODY, CONTROL, OR SUPERVISION OF MINORS, JUVENILE DELINQUENTS, AND YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS WHO ARE COMMITTED, DETAINED, AWAITING PLACEMENT, ADJUDICATED DELINQUENT, OR ARE OTHERWISE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE.

(2) "DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE EMPLOYEE" INCLUDES AN EMPLOYEE OF ANY NONPROFIT OR FOR-PROFIT ENTITY UNDER CONTRACT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE WHOSE EMPLOYMENT RESPONSIBILITY IS THE INVESTIGATION, CUSTODY, CONTROL, OR SUPERVISION OF MINORS, JUVENILE DELINQUENTS, AND YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS AS DESCRIBED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

~~(h)~~ (I) "Permanent appointment" means an appointment that has permanent status.

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The General Assembly finds that:

- (1) there is a need to improve the administration of the correctional system to better protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public;
- (2) the ultimate goal of the correctional system is to make the community safer by reducing the incidence of crime;