

(5) Preliminary hearing cases of suspensions pending appeal under § 33 of this article.

(c) [In cases requiring the Secretary's approval or consent, the Secretary may designate either the Deputy Secretary, an assistant secretary, or another official whose duties and responsibilities are unrelated to the hearing process to approve proposed decisions of the following:

(1) Demotion appeals under § 31 of this article;

(2) Proposed decisions of removal appeals of promotional probationary employees under § 33 of this article;

(3) Proposed decisions of removal cases under § 33 of this article or Article 29, § 11-109(b) of the Code;

(4) Proposed decisions of unsatisfactory work appeals under § 34 of this article;

(5) Proposed decisions of suspension appeals under §§ 30 and 36 of this article;

(6) Proposed decisions of preliminary hearing cases of suspensions pending appeal under § 33 of this article; and

(7) Proposed] THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS SHALL ISSUE THE FINAL DECISION ON PROPOSED decisions of outside arbitrators under § 54(a) of this article.

(d) An appeal filed with the Secretary under Title 13, Subtitle 1A of the Education Article of the Code may be delegated to [another official] THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS consistent with the provisions of subsections (a), (b), and (c) of this section.

[(e) When the Secretary designates authority under this section, the Secretary shall within 30 days of the designation, publish notice of the designation in the Maryland Register.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1991.

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May 24, 1991

The Honorable R. Clayton Mitchell, Jr.  
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Dear Mr. Speaker: