

## CHAPTER 322

(House Bill 1464)

AN ACT concerning

### **State Personnel – Baltimore City Department of Social Services Legal Services Division – Transfer of Personnel**

FOR the purpose of expanding the kinds of attorneys required to represent a local department of social services; transferring the contractual employees of the Baltimore City Department of Social Services, Legal Services Division, to the Department of Human Resources; requiring the creation of certain Position Identification Numbers for transferred employees; requiring each transferred employee to be placed in a certain classification in the State Personnel Management System; requiring each transferred employee to be placed in a comparable position classification without further examination or qualification and credited with a certain number of years of State service for purposes of seniority; and generally relating to the transfer of certain personnel to the Department of Human Resources.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Human Services  
Section 3–601(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2007 Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

#### **Article – Human Services**

3–601.

(a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the attorney to, or an attorney designated by, the local governing authority in each county **OR AN ATTORNEY EMPLOYED BY THE STATE** shall institute and defend each civil action in which the local department is a party.

(2) In Cecil County, the local department may secure the services of attorneys to represent it in all legal matters affecting the local department.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(1) All contractual employees of the Baltimore City Department of Social Services, Legal Services Division, shall be transferred to the Department of Human Resources; and

(2) (i) A position identification number (PIN) shall be created for each transferred employee;

(ii) Each transferred employee shall be placed in a State classification in the State Personnel Management System commensurate with the employee's salary grade at the time of the transfer;

(iii) The salary grade shall be determined using a salary based on the same hourly rate of salary of the employee at the time of the transfer; and

(iv) Each transferred employee shall be placed in a position classification that is comparable to or most closely compares to the employee's former position without further examination or qualification and credited with years of State service equal to the amount of time employed under contract for purposes of seniority, including the determination of leave accumulation and determination of layoff rights under Titles 9 and 11 of the State Personnel and Pensions Article.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2008.

**Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2008.**