

preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a ye and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 28, 1957.

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CHAPTER 396

(Senate Bill 289)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 25 of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1956 Supplement), title "Merit System", amending the laws concerning the effective date of budget amendments for pay plans and relating generally to the approval and effect of such budget amendments.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 25 of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1956 Supplement), title "Merit System", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

25. Duties and powers of Board.

(a) The Commissioner shall be responsible for developing all data, including but not limited to tables, charts, job descriptions, job comparisons and ratings for use of the Standard Salary Board. It shall be the duty of the Board to consider the materials developed by the Commissioner, and after consultation with appointing authorities, the State Employees Standard Salary Board shall prepare and recommend to the Governor a pay plan for all classes of positions in both the classified and unclassified service to the end that all positions in such services involving comparable duties, experience, responsibilities and authority shall be paid in accordance with the standard salary schedule. In establishing rates of pay, the State Employees Standard Salary Board shall give consideration to experience, the prevailing rates of pay for the services performed, and for comparable services in public and private employment, living costs, maintenance and other benefits received by employees, and the State's financial condition and policies. Such pay plan shall take effect and shall have the force and effect of law [when approved] after approval by the Governor, at the time the next State Budget takes effect, if funds for such pay plan are provided therein. Amendments thereto may, from time to time, be recommended by the Board and when approved by the Governor and so included in the next State Budget shall have the force of law in the same manner as if they had been originally incorporated in the schedule. NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING TO THE CONTRARY HEREBEFORE, AND SOLELY IN CASES OF ACUTE EMERGENCY, AMENDMENTS MAY BE MADE FROM TIME TO TIME IN THE

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EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.