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In cooperation with the Secretary of Personnel, the [Director] SECRETARY shall:

(1) Set minimum salaries, qualifications, and standards of training and experience for the positions in the [Agency] DEPARTMENT; and

(2) For officers and employees who desire training in addition to in-service training and whose service records show merit, provide:

(i) Educational subsidies, scholarships, and stipends; and

(ii) Institutes, conferences, and classes.

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The [Director] SECRETARY shall plan and hold institutes, conferences, and other programs to inform and acquaint the judiciary, Baltimore City Social Services Commission and other boards of local departments of social services, citizens action groups, and other interested persons with the functions and programs of the [Agency] DEPARTMENT.

2-131.

(a) In this section, "foster parent" includes an individual who cares for a child on an emergency basis under a shelter care program.

(b) (1) The [Agency] DEPARTMENT shall provide liability insurance for foster parents who care for children under foster parent programs.

(2) Subject to a reasonable deductible limit, which the [Agency] DEPARTMENT shall set, the liability insurance shall provide coverage for:

(i) Bodily injury and property damage that a foster child causes to the person or property of a person other than a foster parent; and

(ii) Actions against a foster parent by a natural parent for any accident to the foster child.

(c) (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, the [Director] SECRETARY shall reimburse a foster parent for costs of bodily injury or property damage that the foster child causes to the foster parent and that insurance does not cover.