

General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 439

February Session, 2022



AN ACT CONCERNING HUMAN RESOURCE ADMINISTRATION AND THE STATE PERSONNEL ACT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Section 5-196 of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes
- 2 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July
- 3 1, 2022):
- 4 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:
- 5 (1) "Agency" means a department, board, institution or commission
- 6 established by statute, not a part of any other department, board,
- 7 institution or commission.
- 8 (2) "Allocation" means the official assignment of a position in the
- 9 classified service to the appropriate standard class of the classification
- 10 plan.
- 11 (3) "Appointing authority" means a board, commission, officer,
- 12 commissioner, person or group of persons or the designee of such
- board, commission, officer, commissioner, person or group of persons
- 14 having the power to make appointments by virtue of a statute or by
- 15 lawfully delegated authority.
- 16 (4) "Candidate list" means a list of the names of persons based on

- 17 merit as determined under the provisions of this chapter, which persons
- 18 have been found qualified through suitable examinations for
- 19 employment in positions allocated to a specified class, occupational
- 20 group or career progression level.
- 21 (5) "Class", "class of positions" or "position classification" means a 22 position or group of positions in the state classified service established 23 under this chapter that share general characteristics and are categorized
- 24 under a single title for administrative purposes.
- 25 (6) "Classified service" means every office or position in the state 26 service, whether full-time or part-time, for which compensation is paid, 27 except those offices and positions specified in section 5-198, as amended 28 by this act, or otherwise expressly provided by statute.
- 29 (7) "Compensation" means the salary, wages, benefits and other 30 forms of valuable consideration earned by and provided to an employee 31 in remuneration for services rendered.
- 32 (8) "Compensation schedule" or "compensation plan" means a list or 33 lists specifying a series of compensation steps and ranges.
- 34 (9) "Eligible" or "eligible person" means a person who has either (A)
 35 met the requirements of the class and been determined qualified by the
 36 Commissioner of Administrative Services, or (B) been placed on a
 37 candidate list by an examination administered by or at the direction of
 38 the Department of Administrative Services.
- (10) "Employee" or "state employee" means any person holding a position in state service subject to appointment by an appointing authority.
 - (11) "Examination" means [an assessment device or technique yielding scores or ratings designed to determine the fitness of candidates for positions allocated to a specified class, occupational group or career progression level] any act, event, process or technique intended to measure the knowledge, skills, abilities and fitness of

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- 47 applicants for employment, including, but not limited to, experience
- 48 and training determinations, interviews, assessment centers,
- 49 performance exercises, background checks and associated suitability
- 50 <u>determinations or working test periods</u>.
- 51 (12) "Full-time employee" means an employee holding a position 52 normally requiring thirty-five hours or more of service in each week.
- 53 (13) "Good standing" means the status of an employee whose 54 employment in the state service has been terminated other than as a 55 result of disciplinary action or during a period when disciplinary action 56 was pending.
- 57 (14) "Grade" or "pay grade" means a relative level, numerically 58 expressed, to which one or more classes may be assigned according to 59 the degree of their complexity, importance and value, and which refers 60 to a single pay range in the compensation schedule.
- [(15) "Minimum earned rating" means the lowest score or rating that entitles a candidate to pass the examination.]
- [(16)] (15) "Officer" or "state officer" means any person appointed to a state office established by statute, including appointing authorities.
- [(17)] (16) "Part-time employee" means an employee holding a position normally requiring less than thirty-five hours of service in each week.
- [(18)] (17) "Permanent appointment" means appointment to a position in the classified service following successful completion of the required working test.
 - [(19)] (18) "Permanent employee" means an employee holding a position in the classified service under a permanent appointment or an employee holding a position in unclassified service who has served in such a position for a period of more than six months, except employees in positions funded in whole or in part by the federal government as

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- part of any public service employment program, on-the-job trainingprogram or work experience program.
- [(20)] (19) "Permanent position" means any position in the classified service which requires or which is expected to require the services of an incumbent without interruption for a period of more than six months, except positions funded in whole or in part by the federal government as part of any public service employment program, on-the-job training program or work experience program.
- [(21)] (20) "Position" means a group of duties and responsibilities currently assigned or designated by competent authority to require the services of one employee.
- 87 [(22)] (21) "Public member" means a member of a board or commission who does not hold any office or position in the state service.
- 89 [(23)] (22) "Reemployment list" means a list of names of persons 90 arranged in the order prescribed by the provisions of this chapter and 91 by regulations issued in accordance with this chapter, which persons 92 have occupied positions allocated to any class in the classified service, 93 and are no longer in such class and are entitled to have their names 94 certified to appointing authorities when vacancies in such class are to be 95 filled, in preference to those whose names are on the candidate list for 96 such class.
- 97 [(24)] (23) "State service" means occupancy of any office or position 98 or employment in the service of the state, but not of local governmental 99 subdivisions thereof, for which compensation is paid.
- [(25)] (24) "Temporary position" means a position in the state service which is expected to require the services of an incumbent for a period not in excess of six months.
- [(26)] (25) "Unclassified service" means any office or position in the state service which is not in the classified service.

- [(27)] (26) "Working test" means a trial working period made a part of the <u>examination and</u> selective process under the provisions of this chapter and by regulations issued in accordance with this chapter, during which the work and conduct of the employee shall be noted by the appointing authority or his authorized agent and reported upon to determine whether such employee merits permanent appointment.
- [(28)] (27) "Veteran", when used in this chapter and in section 5-180, as amended by this act, [has the same meaning as provided in section 27-103, and (B)] means a veteran, as defined in section 27-103, who has performed [such] service in time of war, as defined in said section, except that the final date for service in time of war during World War II shall be December 31, 1947.
- [(29)] (28) "Managerial employee" means any person presently covered by the existing managerial compensation plan pursuant to subsection (g) of section 5-270.
- [(30)] (29) "Career progression level" means the following career levels in which each class of positions shall be categorized as determined by the Commissioner of Administrative Services based on general job characteristics and minimum requirements for knowledge, skill and ability, including, but not limited to, education, employment history and special skills: (A) Entry, (B) working, (C) lead, (D) supervisor, and (E) manager.
- [(31)] (30) "Occupational group" means broad occupational areas in which each class of positions shall be categorized as determined by the Commissioner of Administrative Services.
- Sec. 2. Section 5-198 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):
- The offices and positions filled by the following-described incumbents shall be exempt from the classified service:
- 134 (1) All officers and employees of the Judicial Department;

135 (2) All officers and employees of the Legislative Department; 136 (3) All officers elected by popular vote; 137 (4) All agency heads, members of boards and commissions and other 138 officers appointed by the Governor; 139 (5) All persons designated by name in any special act to hold any state 140 office; 141 (6) All officers, noncommissioned officers and enlisted men in the 142 military or naval service of the state and under military or naval 143 discipline and control; 144 (7) (A) All correctional wardens, as provided in section 18-82, and (B) 145 all superintendents of state institutions, the State Librarian, the 146 president of The University of Connecticut and any other commissioner 147 or administrative head of a state department or institution who is 148 appointed by a board or commission responsible by statute for the 149 administration of such department or institution; 150 (8) The State Historian appointed by the State Library Board; 151 (9) Deputies to the administrative head of each department or 152 institution designated by statute to act for and perform all of the duties 153 of such administrative head during such administrative head's absence 154 or incapacity; 155 (10) Executive assistants to each state elective officer and each 156 department head, as defined in section 4-5, provided (A) each position 157 of executive assistant shall have been created in accordance with section 158 5-214, and (B) in no event shall the Commissioner of Administrative 159 Services or the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management 160 approve more than four executive assistants for a department head; 161 (11) One personal secretary to the administrative head and to each

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- 164 (12) All members of the professional and technical staffs of the
- 165 constituent units of the state system of higher education, as defined in
- section 10a-1, of all other state institutions of learning, of the Board of
- 167 Regents for Higher Education, and of the agricultural experiment
- station at New Haven, professional and managerial employees of the
- 169 Department of Education and the Office of Early Childhood and
- teachers certified by the State Board of Education and employed in
- 171 teaching positions at state institutions;
- 172 (13) Physicians, dentists, student nurses in institutions and other
- 173 professional specialists who are employed on a part-time basis;
- 174 (14) Persons employed to make or conduct a special inquiry,
- investigation, examination or installation;
- 176 (15) Students in educational institutions who are employed on a part-
- 177 time basis;
- 178 (16) Forest fire wardens provided for by section 23-36;
- 179 (17) Patients or inmates of state institutions who receive
- 180 compensation for services rendered therein;
- 181 (18) Employees of the Governor including employees working at the
- 182 executive office, official executive residence at 990 Prospect Avenue,
- 183 Hartford and the Washington D.C. office;
- 184 (19) Persons filling positions expressly exempted by statute from the
- 185 classified service;
- 186 (20) Librarians employed by the State Board of Education or any
- 187 constituent unit of the state system of higher education;
- 188 (21) All officers and employees of the Division of Criminal Justice;
- 189 (22) Professional employees in the education professions bargaining

- 190 unit of the Department of Aging and Disability Services;
- 191 (23) Lieutenant colonels in the Division of State Police within the
- 192 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection;
- 193 (24) The Deputy State Fire Marshal within the Department of
- 194 Administrative Services;
- 195 (25) The chief administrative officer of the Workers' Compensation
- 196 Commission;
- 197 (26) Employees in the education professions bargaining unit;
- 198 (27) Disability policy specialists employed by the Council on
- 199 Developmental Disabilities;
- 200 (28) The director for digital media and motion picture activities in the
- 201 Department of Economic and Community Development; and
- 202 (29) Any Director of Communications 1, Director of Communications
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- 204 (Rc), Communications Manager, Legislative Program Manager,
- 205 Communications and Legislative Program Manager, Director of
- 206 Legislation, Regulation and Communication, Legislative and
- 207 Administrative Advisor 1, or Legislative and Administrative Advisor 2
- as such positions are classified within the Executive Department.
- Sec. 3. Section 5-215a of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 210 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):
- When the appointing authority receives approval to fill a vacancy in
- 212 any permanent position in the classified service, the appointing
- 213 authority shall request the Commissioner of Administrative Services to
- 214 provide a candidate list. The candidate list certified by the commissioner
- shall [contain the final earned rating of each candidate] be comprised of
- 216 candidates who meet the minimum qualifications of such position. The
- 217 appointing authority shall fill the vacant position by selecting any

- 218 candidate on the candidate list. In the event that fewer than five names
- are available on the candidate list to fill a position, the Commissioner of
- 220 Administrative Services may authorize a new examination based on
- documented need. The appointing authority may fill the position from
- 222 either the new or original candidate list in accordance with the
- 223 provisions of this section.
- Sec. 4. Section 5-216 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):
- 226 (a) The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall hold 227 examinations for the purpose of establishing candidate lists for the
- various classes of positions in the classified service, except as provided
- in sections 5-227b, as amended by this act, and 5-233, as amended by
- 230 this act. Such examinations may be held on a continuous basis [or at
- such time or times as the commissioner deems necessary] to supply the
- 232 needs of the state service. [In establishing any candidate list following
- examinations, the commissioner shall place on the list, in the order of
- 234 their ratings, the names of persons who show they possess the
- 235 qualifications which entitle them to be considered eligible for
- 236 appointment when a vacancy occurs in any position allocated to the
- 237 class for which such examination is held or for which such candidate list
- is held to be appropriate. Such ratings may take such form as the
- commissioner deems appropriate to describe the performance of any
- 240 candidate on any examination.]
- 241 (b) Where the needs of the service indicate that continuous
- 242 recruitment is justified, the commissioner may defer announcing a
- 243 closing date for filing applications for the examination. Announcements
- 244 of such examinations shall specify that recruitment is continuous and
- 245 that applications may be filed until further notice. [Such examination
- 246 may be graded on a pass-fail basis in order to expedite certification and
- 247 appointment.]
- (c) The commissioner may consolidate, continue or cancel candidate
- 249 lists and may remove names from such lists for good cause. [The

- commissioner may apply an examination score from one examination to the candidate list established for another examination, provided such examinations are the same or equivalent forms of the same examination, such provision is publicized on appropriate examination notices and the candidate satisfies all other statutory requirements.
- (d) Upon written request from a candidate on a form and in a manner prescribed by the Department of Administrative Services, the commissioner shall apply the candidate's most recent score from an examination held for a promotional appointment, in accordance with subsection (b) or (c) of section 5-228, to the candidate list established for a subsequent examination for the same classification, provided: (1) The subsequent examination is in the same or equivalent form as the previous examination; (2) such provision is publicized on appropriate examination notices; (3) the candidate satisfies all other requirements for the classification and the examination; and (4) not more than seven years have elapsed from the date of the candidate's most recent examination.
- (e) Nothing in this section shall prevent the department from applying scores from one examination to the candidate list established for a subsequent examination for the same classification, provided: (1) Such examinations are in the same or equivalent forms; (2) such provision is publicized on appropriate examination notices; and (3) the candidates on the list satisfy all other requirements for the classification and the examination.
- (f) The provisions of subsections (d) and (e) of this section shall not apply to any promotional examination held for classifications in the department's police-protective services occupational group.]
- Sec. 5. Section 5-218 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):
- [(a)] Except for an examination that has been waived pursuant to section 5-227b, <u>as amended by this act</u>, the Commissioner of

Administrative Services shall [prepare lists of preliminary requirements and subjects of examination for positions in the classified service and publicize each such examination in such manner as the nature of the examination requires, including posting examination notices in state agencies in locations accessible to state employees at least two weeks prior to the application closing date. All competitive examinations shall be held at such times and places as in the judgment of the Commissioner of Administrative Services most nearly meet the convenience of applicants and needs of the service. In no event shall any other examination be given by an agency for a position subject to the examination procedure of the Department of Administrative Services] provide initial notice of examination for positions in the classified service in such form and manner as to supply the needs of state service.

[(b) The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall give public notice of such examinations for positions in the classified service at least six business days in advance by posting, or causing to be posted, an appropriate notice on the Internet web site of the department and by submitting the notice to the director of the state employment service. Such notice shall set forth the time and place of the examination and shall be accompanied by a copy of the official description of the position, and provide the work location, salary and weights to be given for the weighted parts of the examination, if applicable, provided once such notice has been given, the weights established in the notice for the weighted parts of the examination shall not be altered in any manner.]

Sec. 6. Section 5-219 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

[(a)] Examinations shall be [in such form and of such character and shall relate to such matters as will fairly test and determine the qualifications, fitness and ability of the persons tested to perform the duties of the class or position to which they seek appointment. Examinations shall be formulated in cooperation with agencies appointing specific classes of employees and shall be competitive and open to all persons who may be lawfully appointed to any position in

the class for which examinations are held, with such limitations as to age, residence, health, habits, character, sex and qualifications as are considered desirable by the Commissioner of Administrative Services and as are specified in the public announcement of the examination, provided no such limitation shall be made as to age or sex except in the case of a bona fide occupational qualification or need. Formal education requirements may be considered as a condition for the taking of such examinations. Possession of a professional license or degree, or satisfactory completion of an accreditation, certificate or licensure program may serve as the sole basis for appointment, provided such credentials are a mandatory requirement for employment in a position. Examinations may take the form of written or oral tests, demonstration of skill or physical ability, experience and training evaluation, or in the case of promotional examinations, evaluation of prior performance, or any other assessment device or technique deemed appropriate to measure the knowledge, skills or abilities required to successfully perform the duties of the job. All persons competing for placement on any one candidate list shall be administered the same or equivalent forms of the same examination or examination phases, except as necessary to comply with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act and section 4-61nn, and be required to achieve passing scores on each successive phase and for the examination as a whole in order to remain in competition. The provisions of this section shall be the sole determinant for qualification and no other examination shall be permitted by any agency head to further qualify persons seeking appointment except as authorized by the commissioner] job-related and administered consistently and fairly to determine the qualifications, fitness and ability of the persons seeking appointment.

(b) The commissioner may charge any person not employed by the state a reasonable fee for taking an examination, provided such fee shall not exceed the cost of developing and administering such examination. The commissioner may waive any such fee for any person who applies, in the form and manner prescribed by the commissioner, for a waiver of such fee and demonstrates that he or she is financially unable to pay

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- such fee. Before charging any fees authorized by this subsection, the commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to establish reasonable fees.]
- Sec. 7. Subsection (a) of section 5-221 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*, 2022):
 - (a) The Commissioner of Administrative Services may reject the application of any person [for admission to an examination for] when establishing a candidate list for the classified service, or refuse to examine any applicant for such service, who (1) has been found to lack any of the established qualifications for the position for which such applicant applies or for which such applicant has been examined, (2) is physically or medically unfit to perform effectively the duties of the position in which he or she seeks employment, (3) is addicted to the habitual use of drugs or intoxicating liquors, (4) has been dismissed from the public service for delinquency, incompetency, misconduct or neglect of duty, or (5) has made a false statement of any material fact or practiced or attempted to practice any deception or fraud in his or her application, in his or her examination or in securing his or her eligibility or appointment.
 - Sec. 8. Section 5-224 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

[Any veteran who served in time of war, if such veteran is not eligible for disability compensation or pension from the United States United States Department of Veterans Affairs, or the spouse of such veteran who by reason of such veteran's disability is unable to pursue gainful employment, or the unmarried surviving spouse of such veteran, and if such person has attained at least the minimum earned rating on any examination held for an original appointment for the purpose of establishing a candidate list to fill a vacancy in accordance with subsection (d) of section 5-228, shall have five points added to his or her earned rating. Any such veteran, or the spouse of such veteran who by

reason of such veteran's disability is unable to pursue gainful employment, or the unmarried surviving spouse of such veteran, if such person is eligible for such disability compensation or pension and if such person has attained at least the minimum earned rating on any such examination held for an original appointment for the purpose of establishing a candidate list to fill a vacancy in accordance with subsection (d) of section 5-228, shall have ten points added to his or her earned rating. Any veteran who has served in a military action for which such person received or was entitled to receive a campaign badge or expeditionary medal, shall have five points added to his or her earned rating if such person has attained at least the minimum earned rating on any such examination held for an original appointment for the purpose of establishing a candidate list to fill a vacancy in accordance with subsection (d) of section 5-228 and such person is not otherwise eligible to receive additional points pursuant to this section. Any person who is a member of the armed forces, as defined in section 27-103, and who is in the final year of an enlistment contract with any branch of the armed forces shall have five points added to his or her earned rating if such person has attained at least the minimum earned rating on any such examination held for an original appointment for the purpose of establishing a candidate list to fill a vacancy in accordance with subsection (d) of section 5-228. Names of any such persons shall be placed upon the candidate lists in the order of such augmented ratings. Credits shall be based upon examinations with a possible rating of one hundred points] A person's military service shall be counted, if appropriate, on a prorated basis toward meeting the minimum qualifications of a position. An appointing authority shall provide due consideration for original appointment to any veteran, as defined in section 27-103, who is placed on a candidate list by the Commissioner of Administrative Services.

- Sec. 9. Section 5-225 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):
- All persons competing in [any] an examination to be placed on a

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413 candidate list established by the Commissioner of Administrative 414 Services shall be given written notice of [their final earned ratings and 415 the minimum earned rating necessary to pass the examination] the result. Not later than thirty days after the issuance of the [final earned 416 417 rating result, a person who [has not achieved a passing rating may 418 inspect his or her papers, markings, background profiles and other 419 items used in determining the final earned ratings, other than took the 420 examination but did not achieve a passing result may inspect his or her 421 examination results, but not the examination questions and other 422 materials constituting the examination itself, subject to such regulations 423 as may be issued by the Commissioner of Administrative Services. Not 424 later than ten days after [inspecting his or her papers, a] such inspection, 425 such person may, in writing, appeal to the Commissioner of Administrative Services the accuracy of his or her [final earned rating] 426 427 examination results, as based on [the] such person's original 428 examination [paper or] responses or examination results. The 429 commissioner shall render a final decision on the person's appeal within 430 thirty days thereafter and correct candidate lists as appropriate.

Sec. 10. Subsection (a) of section 5-227b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*, 2022):

(a) Examinations for positions may be waived by the Commissioner of Administrative Services under any of the following conditions: (1) Where the possession of a professional license or degree or satisfactory completion of an accreditation, certificate or licensure program is a mandatory requirement for appointment or promotion to a position in state service; (2) where the appointment or promotion to a job classification that is utilized by a single state agency is limited in number and has few vacancies in the professional or managerial series; (3) when the qualifications for a position within the managerial class are so specialized or unique that an examination for a general job classification would not result in a list of candidates possessing such qualifications and would not be cost effective; or (4) when the number of applicants

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- meeting the minimum qualifications for admission to an announced promotional examination is five or less. The positions under this subsection shall be deemed nonexamined.
- Sec. 11. Subsections (c) to (e), inclusive, of section 5-228 of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*, 2022):
 - (c) If a vacancy is to be filled by promotion from a [service-wide] state-wide candidate list, the commissioner shall certify to the appointing authority the names of all candidates on that candidate list in accordance with the provisions of section 5-215a, as amended by this act, or if an examination is waived, in accordance with the provisions of section 5-227b, as amended by this act.
- (d) If a vacancy is to be filled by an original appointment, the commissioner shall certify to the appointing authority the names of all candidates on that candidate list in accordance with the provisions of section 5-215a, as amended by this act, or if an examination is waived, in accordance with the provisions of section 5-227b, as amended by this act.
 - (e) [Appointees] Permanent employees promoted to any position in the classified service shall be required to serve the working test period provided for in this chapter. Any [promotional appointee from within the agency] such permanent employee who is dismissed from the position to which he or she was promoted during such working test period, or at the conclusion thereof, shall be restored to a position in the same class and same agency in which he or she had been employed prior to his or her promotion, [. Any other appointee who was employed in the classified service prior to his or her appointment and who is dismissed from the position to which he or she was appointed during such working test period or at the conclusion thereof, shall be restored to a vacancy in the same class, or a vacancy in a comparable class or a vacancy in any other position the employee is qualified to fill, in the agency in which he or she had been employed prior to his or her

appointment, or shall have his or her name placed on a reemployment list. No provision of this section shall be construed to prevent any employee in the unclassified service from competing for positions in the classified service if he or she possesses the minimum qualifications established by the commissioner. In the certification of names of persons eligible for appointment, sex shall be disregarded except when otherwise provided by statute or upon request of the appointing authority, subject to the approval of the commissioner] except that if no such restoration is possible, the name of such permanent employee shall be placed on the reemployment list for the appropriate class in accordance with subsection (b) of section 5-241, as amended by this act.

Sec. 12. Section 5-233 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*, 2022):

For positions involving unskilled and semiskilled labor or for positions involving domestic, attending or other housekeeping and custodial services at state institutions or agencies or for other similar classes where the character of the work, or the place of work, makes it impracticable to secure at stated times a sufficient number of applicants to supply the needs of the service, or where it is impracticable to examine and secure such persons from candidate lists with sufficient promptness to supply the needs of the service, the Commissioner of Administrative Services may establish procedures which will permit the registration and, in his discretion, the examination of applicants, singly or in groups, at such times and places as meet the convenience of applicants and needs of the service, without public notice as required in this chapter. The positions under this section shall be deemed noncompetitive.

Sec. 13. Section 5-234 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

The Commissioner of Administrative Services may provide for the appointment, with or without examination, of qualified persons in a class in which the incumbent serves for not more than three years in the

510 class as part of an established training program. Any person so 511 appointed to a professional or preprofessional training class may, upon 512 successful completion of the required minimum working test period 513 and training program, be reclassified to a position in the next higher 514 level class for which the training program is established, which position 515 shall be deemed noncompetitive. The provisions of this section shall not 516 apply to sections 5-224, as amended by this act, and 7-415 concerning 517 the veterans preference.

Sec. 14. Subsection (b) of section 5-180 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

(b) The war service before September 1, 1939, of a veteran who became a member after September 1, 1939, and the war service or military service during a national emergency declared by the President of the United States on and after September 1, 1939, of a veteran who became a member at any time, shall be counted as state service if the member makes retirement contributions for each month of war service as defined in section 27-103 and described in [subdivision (28) of] section 5-196, as amended by this act, or for each month of such service during a national emergency, as the case may be. Any veteran who becomes a member on or after July 1, 1975, shall not receive credit for such war or military service if such member has received or is entitled to receive any retirement allowance for the same years of such service from the federal government. Any veteran who is a member and who has not made application for such credit prior to July 1, 1975, shall not receive credit for such service if such member has received or is entitled to receive any retirement allowance for the same years of such service from the federal government unless such member makes application for such credit to the Retirement Commission on or before October 1, 1975, and makes retirement contributions for each month of such service in accordance with the provisions of this subsection. The Comptroller of the state may notify each employee of this provision on or before September 1, 1975. Such contributions shall equal one-twelfth of four

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per cent of his first year's salary as a state employee multiplied by the total number of months of such war service or national emergency service and, if such employee became a member after April 1, 1958, shall be accompanied by interest at four per cent per year from the time such war service was rendered or from September 1, 1939, whichever is later, until the date of payment or January 1, 1962, whichever is earlier. Such contributions may be paid by payroll deductions as determined by the Retirement Commission over a period not to exceed thirty-six months, interest thereon to be paid not later than the last day of the month following the payment of the last of such deductions. Service credit for retirement purposes shall not be granted unless payment of contributions and interest is completed. No credit shall be given hereunder for military service during a national emergency to any state employee who has served less than ten years as a permanent full-time state employee, nor for any such military service beyond a total period of his compulsory service, if any, plus three years.

Sec. 15. Subsection (b) of section 5-241 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*, 2022):

(b) An appointing authority desiring to lay off an employee shall give him not less than two weeks' notice in writing, stating the reason for such action, except that in the case of an employee, as defined in section 5-196, as amended by this act, who is not covered by a collective bargaining agreement and who has been in the classified service for (1) at least five but not more than ten years, the appointing authority shall provide at least four weeks' notice, (2) more than ten but not more than fifteen years, the appointing authority shall provide at least six weeks' notice, (3) more than fifteen years, the appointing authority shall provide at least eight weeks' notice. A copy of such notice shall immediately be forwarded to the Commissioner of Administrative Services. The commissioner shall arrange to have the employee transferred to a vacancy in the same or a comparable class or in any other position the employee is qualified to fill in any department,

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agency or institution. If there is no vacancy available or the employee refuses to accept the transfer, the commissioner shall cause the name of such employee to be placed on the reemployment list for the appropriate class for which such employee has attained permanent status or has the ability to qualify, as determined by the commissioner. During the period any employee is entitled to remain on the reemployment list, such an employee shall be rehired in the classification from which he or she was laid off or for which he or she is qualified, as vacancies occur, in the reverse order of layoff. Any employee who is rehired from a reemployment or other employment list into a classification in which he or she had prior status shall not be required to complete a new working test period, as defined in [subdivision (27) of] section 5-196, as amended by this act.

- Sec. 16. Subsection (a) of section 45a-54 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*, 2022):
- 592 (a) Any judge or employee who is not yet receiving a retirement 593 allowance may apply to the Retirement Commission for credit for 594 service as a member of the General Assembly and for military service, 595 consisting of war service, as defined in section 27-103 and described in 596 [subdivision (28) of] section 5-196, as amended by this act, and national 597 emergency service as defined by law, provided credit for such military 598 and General Assembly service shall not exceed three years in the 599 aggregate. Any such application for credit for service as a member of the 600 General Assembly must be filed within one year of the date upon which 601 the judge or employee first becomes a member or within one year of 602 October 1, 1986, whichever is later. Any such application for credit for 603 military service must be filed within one year of the date upon which 604 the judge or employee first becomes a member or within one year of 605 October 1, 1994, whichever is later.
- Sec. 17. Sections 5-199c and 5-223 of the general statutes are repealed. (*Effective July 1, 2022*)

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following | | | | |
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| Section 1 | July 1, 2022 | 5-196 | | |
| Sec. 2 | July 1, 2022 | 5-198 | | |
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| Sec. 10 | July 1, 2022 | 5-227b(a) | | |
| Sec. 11 | July 1, 2022 | 5-228(c) to (e) | | |
| Sec. 12 | July 1, 2022 | 5-233 | | |
| Sec. 13 | July 1, 2022 | 5-234 | | |
| Sec. 14 | July 1, 2022 | 5-180(b) | | |
| Sec. 15 | July 1, 2022 | 5-241(b) | | |
| Sec. 16 | July 1, 2022 | 45a-54(a) | | |
| Sec. 17 | July 1, 202 | Repealer section | | |

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