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§49-10-101. Legislative findings.

(a) Legislative findings and intent. –

(1) The several exemptions from centralized administration of the state's personnel have created multiple, redundant, inefficient, and overly complex personnel and human resources systems in several parts of state government; and

(2) Shifting to a centralized oversight system that includes necessary flexibility for all state departments—instead of a few favored agencies—would facilitate the streamlining of state government and ensure the proper management of the state executive personnel systems.

(b) Beginning on July 1, 2026, the Bureau for Social Service's authority to establish a classified system for personnel administration under this article is abolished and all personnel within the classified system created under this article shall be subject to the provisions of §29-6-1 *et seq*. of this code except that:

(1) Any and all job classifications, specifications, and compensation structures established by the bureau, prior to July 1, 2026, by the authority granted under this section, shall transfer to the oversight and administration of the Division of Personnel; and

(2) Following the transfer, the Division of Personnel shall not modify the job classifications, specifications, and compensation structures created pursuant to this article prior to July 1, 2026, except with the consent of the Secretary of the Department of Human Services or as provided in §5F-2-10 of this code.

WV Legislature