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Transfer of Staff to Unclassified Positions (State Fair Park)

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CURRENT LAW

State Fair Park would have 46.2 positions under SB 55 and has 51.2 FTE positions currently, some of which are considered classified and some of which are unclassified positions. (The Committee transferred 6.5 State Fair Park positions related to law enforcement activities to the Department of Administration under previous action.)

GOVERNOR

Transfer 22.0 State Fair Park positions from the classified service to the unclassified service. Allow all State Fair Park employees who had reached permanent status in the classified service prior to October 29, 1999 (the effective date of 1999 Act 9) to be eligible for position transfer rights as granted to persons in the classified service while serving in the unclassified service at State Fair Park. In addition, give these employees reinstatement privileges for five years following their appointment to the unclassified service or for one year after termination of the unclassified appointment, whichever is longer. These reinstatement privileges would be forfeited if the reason for termination of the unclassified appointment would also be reason for discharge from their former position in the classified service.

Further, allow State Fair Park employees who had reached permanent status prior to October 29, 1999, in a classified career executive position to continue receiving the vacation benefits of a classified career executive (generally an extra week of vacation over that provided most state employees).

MODIFICATION

Include the Governor's recommendation, except transfer 19.85 rather than 22.0 positions to the unclassified service.

Explanation: While the 1999-01 biennial budget act unclassified all positions at State Fair Park, the Department of Employee Relations later determined that a number of the positions were more appropriately included in the classified service. Further, while unclassifying positions in fact, 1999 Act 9 did not unclassify positions in the budget system (except for the Executive Director who was previously unclassified), which this provision attempts to correct for 22.0 of the positions. Under the bill, 23.2 staff would remain classified and 23.0 staff would be unclassified. However, DOA officials indicate that 19.85 rather than 22.0 positions were intended to be transferred to the unclassified service in the budget system (leaving 25.35 in the classified service). The modification would not unclassify any position that is currently considered classified by the Department of Employee Relations

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