

**99G.10 Authority personnel.**

1. All employees of the authority shall be considered public employees.
2. Subject to the approval of the board, the chief executive officer shall have the sole power to designate particular employees as key personnel, but may take advice from the department of administrative services in making any such designations. All key personnel shall be exempt from the merit system described in [chapter 8A, subchapter IV](#). The chief executive officer and the board shall have the sole power to employ, classify, and fix the compensation of key personnel. All other employees shall be employed, classified, and compensated in accordance with [chapter 8A, subchapter IV](#), and [chapter 20](#).
3. The chief executive officer and the board shall have the exclusive power to determine the number of full-time equivalent positions, as defined in [chapter 8](#), necessary to carry out the provisions of [this chapter](#).
4. The chief executive officer shall have the sole responsibility to assign duties to all authority employees.
5. The authority may establish incentive programs for authority employees.
6. An employee of the authority shall not have a financial interest in any vendor doing business or proposing to do business with the authority. However, an employee may own shares of a mutual fund which may hold shares of a vendor corporation provided the employee does not have the ability to influence the investment functions of the mutual fund.
7. An employee of the authority with decision-making authority shall not participate in any decision involving a retailer with whom the employee has a financial interest.
8. A background investigation shall be conducted by the department of public safety, division of criminal investigation, on each applicant who has reached the final selection process prior to employment by the authority. For positions not designated as sensitive by the board, the investigation may consist of a state criminal history background check, work history, and financial review. The board shall identify those sensitive positions of the authority which require full background investigations, which positions shall include, at a minimum, any officer of the authority, and any employee with operational management responsibilities, security duties, or system maintenance or programming responsibilities related to the authority's data processing or network hardware, software, communication, or related systems. In addition to a work history and financial review, a full background investigation may include a national criminal history check through the federal bureau of investigation. The screening of employees through the federal bureau of investigation shall be conducted by submission of fingerprints through the state criminal history repository to the federal bureau of investigation. The results of background investigations conducted pursuant to [this section](#) shall not be considered public records under [chapter 22](#).
9. A person who has been convicted of a felony or bookmaking or other form of illegal gambling or of a crime involving moral turpitude shall not be employed by the authority.
10. The authority shall bond authority employees with access to authority funds or lottery revenue in such an amount as provided by the board and may bond other employees as deemed necessary.

[2003 Acts, ch 145, §286](#); [2003 Acts, ch 178, §72, 121](#); [2003 Acts, ch 179, §60, 84, 142](#); [2004 Acts, ch 1086, §26](#)