

**217.23 Personnel — merit system — reimbursement for damaged property.**

1. The director or the director's designee, shall employ personnel as necessary for the performance of the duties and responsibilities assigned to the department. All employees shall be selected on a basis of fitness for the work to be performed with due regard to training and experience and shall be subject to the provisions of [chapter 8A, subchapter IV](#).

2. The department may expend moneys from the support allocation of the department as reimbursement for replacement or repair of personal items of the department's employees damaged or destroyed by clients of the department during the employee's tour of duty. However, the reimbursement shall not exceed three hundred dollars for each item. The department shall establish rules in accordance with [chapter 17A](#) to carry out the purpose of [this section](#).

[C75, 77, 79, 81, §217.23]

[85 Acts, ch 253, §7](#); [2003 Acts, ch 145, §208](#); [2007 Acts, ch 218, §37](#); [2023 Acts, ch 19, §336](#)