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MEMORANDUM

PERSONNEL MEMO 26-11

To: Cabinet Secretaries
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From: Mary Elizabeth Bailey, Secretary 

Date: August 6, 2026

Re: Changes to Initial Probationary Periods

Annually, the Personnel Cabinet submits a request to the Personnel Board to amend administrative regulation 101 KAR 1:325, specifically to change the initial probationary period for certain job classifications. Therefore, we request that all agencies review their job classifications to determine whether there is a need to extend or shorten any probationary period.

Please submit requests to change initial probationary periods in writing, signed by the agency head, to Rebecca Ogden (contact information below) no later than close of business on August 31, 2026. Your request should include a detailed rationale for the proposed change. The Personnel Cabinet will review agency submissions and currently expects to submit proposed changes to the Personnel Board for consideration and approval at the October 2026 meeting.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

For submission of written requests and all questions:

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