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**Former state secretary Richkus tapped for seat on Maryland Port Commission**

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**A former state secretary, Peta N. Richkus, was named to the Maryland Port Commission Wednesday.**

**Gov. Martin O'Malley appointed Richkus, who served as state general services secretary from 1993 to 2003, to replace former Gov. Robert Ehrlich appointee Brenda Dandy, whose term expired.**

**She will serve a three-year term.**

**Richkus joins current commissioners William Dockser, Donald C. Fry, Alvin J. Nichols, Theodore Venetoulis and Charles H. White Jr.**

**As general services secretary, Richkus oversaw 725 employees, a \$82 million operating budget and a \$430 million capital budget and was responsible for state procurement and real estate.**

**Before serving in state government, Richkus worked in the private sector for 20 years, largely at international planning and construction firm Buchart-Horn Inc.**

**She has also taught government and business classes at the University of Baltimore and Towson University.**

**The port employs 16,500 people and is a strong economic engine for the state, generating \$388 million in state and local taxes. It is the top U.S. port for imported forest products, roll on/roll off cargo, exported cars and imported gypsum, sugar and iron ore.**