§ 2628. Temporary assignment and transfer of employees. Whenever in the opinion of the authority it would be in the public interest, it may, after prior approval of the director of the budget, request the temporary assignment and transfer of certain employees of any board, commission, agency or department of the state or its political subdivisions, and said board, commission, agency or department shall, if in its opinion such transfer will not interfere with the performance of its duties and functions, make such assignment and transfer of said employees to the authority for a period of up to one year, with one extension of one year permitted if the authority so requests and said board, commission, agency or department which permanently employs such person consents. Such assignment and transfer or extension thereof shall not in any way affect the civil service status, continuity of service, retirement plan status, rights to compensation, grade or compensation or other rights or privileges of any employee so transferred. Any employee transferred under the authority of this section shall be paid as total reimbursement for expenses in the course of their duties incurred only the actual and necessary expenses incurred up to the maximum rates as established by the New York state department of audit and control.