

EXHIBIT

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Campaign Finance: Prohibited Acts and Penalties (State Law)

- (7) An employer who pays employees in envelopes may not mark on or enclose in the envelopes a political motto, device, or argument that contains express or implied threats intended to influence the political opinions or actions of those employees.
 - (8) During the 90 days before an election, an employer may not exhibit in the employer's workplace:
 - (i) a threat, a notice, or information that, on the election or defeat of a particular ticket or candidate:
 - 1. work will cease, wholly or partly;
 - 2. the workplace will close; or
 - 3. employees' wages will be reduced; or
 - (ii) any other threat, expressed or implied, intended to influence the political opinions or actions of the employer's employees.
 - (9) A person may not publish or distribute, or cause to be published or distributed, campaign material that violates §13-401 of this title.
- (b) *Penalty.*—A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is:
- (1) subject to a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or both; and
 - (2) ineligible to hold any public or party office for 4 years after the date of the offense.
- (c) *Prosecution.*—(1) The State Prosecutor may prosecute, in any jurisdiction of the State, a person that the State Prosecutor believes to be guilty of a willful violation of this section.

- (2) A State's Attorney may prosecute a person that the State's Attorney believes to be guilty of a willful violation of this section in the county in which the State's Attorney serves.

Source: *Annotated Code of Maryland*, Election Article, §13-602

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