

(b) The provisions of this section shall be broadly construed and strictly enforced for the purpose of preventing those persons in public service from securing any pecuniary advantages, however indirect, from their public associations, other than their compensation provided by law. In order, however, to guard against injustice, the county council may, by resolution, specifically authorize any county officer or employee to receive a gift, to own stock in any corporation or to maintain a business connection with any person dealing with the county if, on full public disclosure of all pertinent facts to the county council by such officer or employee, the council shall determine that such stock ownership, gift or connection does not violate the public interest.

(c) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, it shall be unlawful for any person to offer, pay, refund or rebate any part of any fee, commission or other form of compensation or to offer or give anything of value to any officer or employee of the county in connection with any county business or proceeding. Any violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars or imprisonment of not more than six months, or both.--]

(D) AFTER JULY 1, 1978, SUBSECTIONS (A), (B) AND (C) DO NOT APPLY TO ELECTED OFFICIALS OF EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT, THE REVENUE AUTHORITY, THE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION OF THE VARIOUS FIRE DEPARTMENTS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That all public local laws or parts thereof enacted by the Acts of the General Assembly, inconsistent with this Act are repealed to the extent of the inconsistency.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July June 1, 1978.

Approved May 29, 1978.

CHAPTER 938

(House Bill 1496)

AN ACT concerning

Cecil Community College - Apportionment of Expenses

FOR the purpose of including Cecil Community College in those provisions of the law relating to the apportionment of State, county, and student support for