

(III) [or aid in so doing,] AID ANY PERSON IN FALSELY MARKING, GRADING, ESTIMATING, OR REPORTING ON THE EXAMINATION OR STANDING OF ANY INDIVIDUAL EXAMINED UNDER THIS TITLE; or

(IV) [furnish to] GIVE any person [except in answer to inquiries of the state commissioner of personnel,] any special information [for the purpose of either improving or injuring] TO IMPROVE OR INJURE the rating of [any such] THE person for appointment or employment.

(2) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (1)(IV) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A PERSON MAY ANSWER ANY INQUIRY FROM THE SECRETARY OF PERSONNEL.

(D) [No] A [applicant shall] CANDIDATE FOR EMPLOYMENT MAY NOT deceive the [commission] WSSC or the [state commissioner of personnel] SECRETARY OF PERSONNEL for the purpose of improving [his] THE CANDIDATE'S [chances or] prospects for appointment.

(E) [No] A person about to be appointed to any classified position [shall] MAY NOT sign or execute a resignation[, dated or undated,] in advance of [such] THE appointment. Any such resignation [shall be] IS of no effect.

[11-16] 11-116. Duties of Secretary of Personnel; applicability of State employment system.

(A) The [state commissioner of personnel is hereby authorized and directed to] SECRETARY OF PERSONNEL SHALL carry out [all of] the duties required of [him] THE SECRETARY under this [subtitle] TITLE[, but the state employment].

(B) THE STATE MERIT system [shall] DOES not [otherwise be considered in force or applicable] APPLY to the [Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission] WSSC.

[11-17] 11-117. Expenditures for administration.

[For the purpose of defraying the expenses of administering this subtitle, the commission shall be empowered to] THE WSSC:

(1) MAY employ [such] personnel and [to] make [such expenditures as is] EXPENDITURES necessary to carry out the purposes of this [subtitle,] TITLE; and

(2) [shall] SHALL reimburse the [treasury of the] State [of Maryland] for [such] ANY reasonable [costs which may be] COST incurred by the [office of the state commissioner of personnel] SECRETARY OF PERSONNEL in