

Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2004 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - Education**

6-407.

(a) An employee organization designated as an exclusive representative shall be the negotiating agent of all public school employees in the unit in the county.

(b) (1) An employee organization designated as an exclusive representative shall represent all employees in the unit fairly and without discrimination, whether or not the employees are members of the employee organization.

(2) In addition, in Montgomery County the exclusive representative shall represent fairly and without discrimination all persons actually employed as substitute teachers without regard to whether they are included in § 6-401(d) of this subtitle as public school employees.

(c) (1) In Montgomery County, Prince George's County, Baltimore County, and Baltimore City, the public school employer may negotiate with the employee organization designated as the exclusive representative for the public school employees in a unit, a reasonable service or representation fee, to be charged nonmembers for representing them in negotiations, contract administration, including grievances, and other activities as are required under subsection (b) of this section.

(2) The service or representation fee may not exceed the annual dues of the members of the organization.

(3) An employee who is a substitute teacher and who works on a short-term day-to-day basis is not required to pay a service or representation fee.

(4) An employee whose religious beliefs are opposed to joining or financially supporting any collective bargaining organization is:

(i) Not required to pay a service or representation fee; and

(ii) Required to pay an amount of money as determined in paragraph (2) of this subsection to a nonreligious, nonunion charity or to such other charitable organization as may be mutually agreed upon by the employee and the exclusive representative, and who furnishes to the public school employer and the exclusive representative written proof of such payment.

(5) (i) In Baltimore County, the provisions of this subsection shall apply only to employees who are hired on or after July 1, 1997.

(ii) The provisions of this paragraph apply if an agency or representation fee is negotiated in Baltimore County.