

~~(II) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PREVAILING CASE LAW OF THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT § 6-405(B) OF THIS ARTICLE, MAY BE FILLED WITH REGARD TO POLITICAL AFFILIATION, BELIEF, OR OPINION.~~

4-302.

(a) The Secretary shall submit to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly an annual report for each fiscal year that:

(1) provides information about the various personnel areas under the Secretary's jurisdiction, including:

(i) employee performance and efficiency;

(ii) use of leave by State employees;

(iii) incentive awards;

(iv) whistleblower proceedings;

(v) each denial of a pay increase, each disciplinary suspension, each grievance, each involuntary demotion, and each rejection on probation; and

(vi) a summary of the equal employment opportunity report required under § 5-204 of this article, including hiring, firing, promotions, terminations, and rejections on probation, by race, sex, and age;

(2) provides statistics and rankings that compare minority group State employees to all State employees in all job categories;

(3) provides information about part-time work and, in the Secretary's discretion, alternate work schedules, work days, and work locations; [and]

(4) PROVIDES INFORMATION ON THE TOTAL NUMBER OF POSITIONS DESIGNATED AS SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS, INCLUDING SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS DESIGNATED WITH REGARD TO POLITICAL AFFILIATION, BELIEF, OR OPINION; AND

[(4)] (5) makes any recommendations about conditions in State employment that the Secretary considers advisable.

(b) The report required by this section shall be submitted on or before January 1 following the fiscal year to which it applies.