Department of Legislative Services

Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Revised

House Bill 349 (Delegate Leopold. et al.)

Appropriations

State Personnel Law - Political Activities - Prohibitions and Enforcement Procedure

This bill provides sanctions to be imposed on an employee of the State who: (1) engages in political activity while on the job during working hours; (2) advocates the overthrow of the government by unconstitutional or violent means; or (3) requires any State employee to make a political contribution. A State employee may be subject to termination, as well as a civil fine not to exceed \$1,000. The procedures for issuance of a civil citation by the State's Attorney or State Prosecutor are specified.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The civil penalty provisions of this bill are not expected to significantly affect State finances or operations.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Information Source(s): Department of Budget and Management (Office of Human Resources), Office of the State Prosecutor, Department of Legislative Services

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