

HOUSE BILL 881

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By: **Howard County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2007

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Howard County – Certificated and Noncertificated Public School Employees**
3 **– Service or Representation Fee**

4 **Ho. Co. 11-07**

5 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Howard County Board of Education to negotiate
6 with employee organizations a reasonable service fee to be charged to
7 nonmember certificated employees for representing the employees in certain
8 matters; requiring the Howard County Board of Education to negotiate with
9 certain employee organizations a reasonable service fee to be charged to
10 nonmember noncertificated employees for representing the employees in certain
11 matters; and generally relating to a service or representation fee for
12 nonmembers of certain employee organizations in Howard County.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Education
15 Section 6-407(c) and 6-504(b)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2006 Replacement Volume)

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

20 **Article – Education**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 6-407.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 (iii) 1. Subject to the provisions of sub subparagraph 2 of
26 this subparagraph, the employee organization designated as the exclusive
27 representative for the public school employees shall indemnify and hold harmless the
28 Board of Education of Baltimore County against any and all claims, demands, suits, or
29 any other forms of liability that may arise out of, or by reason of, action taken by the
30 Board for the purpose of complying with any of the agency or representation fee
31 provisions of the negotiated agreement.

32 2. The Board shall retain without charge to the Board
33 the services of counsel that are designated by the exclusive representative with regard

1 to any claim, demand, suit, or any other liability that may arise out of, or by reason of,
2 action taken by the Board for the purpose of complying with any of the agency or
3 representation fee provisions of the negotiated agreement.

4 (iv) The employee organization designated as the exclusive
5 representative shall submit to the Board an annual audit from an external auditor
6 that reflects the operational expenses of the employee organization and explains how
7 the representation fee is calculated based on the audit.

8 (v) 1. The agency or representation fee shall be based only
9 on the expenses incurred by the employee organization in its representation in
10 negotiations, contract administration, including the handling of grievances, and other
11 activities, as required under this section.

12 2. Any political activities of the employee organization
13 designated as the exclusive representative may not be financed by the funds collected
14 from the agency or representation fee.

15 (6) In Montgomery County, an employee who is a home or hospital
16 teacher and who works on a short-term day-to-day basis is not required to pay a
17 service or representation fee.

18 6-504.

19 (b) (1) In Montgomery County, Allegany County, [and] Charles County,
20 **AND HOWARD COUNTY**, the County Board, with respect to noncertificated
21 employees, shall negotiate a structure of reasonable service fees to be charged
22 nonmembers for representation in negotiations and grievance matters by employee
23 organizations.

24 (2) In Charles County, the provisions of this subsection shall apply
25 only to employees hired on or after July 1, 2005.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
27 October 1, 2007.