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**Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Board of Ethics –
Financial Disclosure Statements – Late Fees
MC/PG 102-21**

The Code of Regulations promulgated by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) currently requires annual financial disclosure statements to be filed by all employees under the executive salary schedule, Grade 12 or above under the general salary schedule, or those holding decision-making positions designated by the General Manager. There is currently no fee for late filers. This bill authorizes WSSC's Board of Ethics to impose a fee on individuals who file disclosures late or fail to file them. The fee is \$5 for every day the disclosure is late, not to exceed \$500. This is identical to the per day fee and maximum charge that is imposed under current law by the Maryland State Ethics Commission on individuals who file financial disclosures late.

Montgomery County supports this bill and respectfully request that the Committee give the bill a favorable report.