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(a) Neither the Secretary of General Services nor any employee of the Department of General Services shall be interested in or in any manner connected with, directly or indirectly, any contract or bid for furnishing materials, supplies or equipment to any of the using authorities. Neither shall the Secretary or any employee of the Department accept or receive from any person to whom any contract may be awarded, directly or indirectly, by rebate, gift or otherwise, any money or things of value whatsoever, or any promise, obligation or contract for future reward or compensation for any such party. If the Secretary or any employee of the Department shall violate any provision of this section, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both, in the discretion of the court.

(b) All contracts for printing for the State or for any using authority, [including the General Assembly of Maryland,] with the exception of PRINTING FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ITS STAFF AGENCIES, PRINTING OF records and briefs for the State Law Department, and [the] printing of the Maryland Reports AS authorized in §§ 13-201 through 13-204 of the Courts Article of the Code, shall be made through or with the approval of the Secretary of General Services.

[(c) On or before September 1st prior to the reconvening of each session of the General Assembly, the Secretary of General Services shall obtain from the President and Secretary of the Senate, and from the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates, estimates of materials, supplies and equipment needed during the session; and the Secretary shall contract for the purchase of such supplies and equipment, including all printing needed by the General Assembly.

(d) It shall be the duty of the Secretary of General Services to report his action in regard to materials, supplies and equipment for the General Assembly to the presiding officer of each house on the first day of session.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 2-1505 of Article - State Government, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (as enacted by Chapter (S.B. 50) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1984) be renumbered to be Section(s) 2-1506.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1984.

Approved May 15, 1984.