Ethics in Public Service Act

RCW 42.52.070

Special Privileges

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RCW 42.52.070, Special privileges, states:

Except as required to perform duties within the scope of employment, no state officer or state employee may use his or her position to secure special privileges or exemptions for himself or herself, or his or her spouse, child, parents, or other persons.

What does this mean?

Specifically, the special privileges law says that state employee may not use their position to secure special privileges or exemptions for themselves, or their spouse, child, parent, or other person.

Scenarios

1. After working hours, Todd uses the office computer and printer to prepare client billings for a private business using his own paper. His supervisor, Mary, has approved this use and monitors that Todd uses the paper he brings from home. Violation?

2. You are a full-time faculty member at a state college. The college charges for use of its classrooms to outside groups. Your wool gathering group needs a place to meet on a monthly basis, so you reserve a room through regular college channels, but as a faculty member, you do not pay for the room. You proceed to invite your buddies for the monthly meetings. Violation?