

(I) THE MEMBER INVOLVED IN THE MATTER; OR

(II) THE JOINT COMMITTEE, UPON ~~TWO-THIRDS~~ THREE-FOURTHS VOTE OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE BASED ON CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY RULE;

(4) AN OPINION OR RULE ISSUED BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE; OR

(5) ANY MATTER OR RECORD THAT IS OTHERWISE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC ACCESS OR INSPECTION AS SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

15-517. Review of complaints.

(a) Following the filing or preparation of a [statement] COMPLAINT pursuant to § 15-515 of this subtitle, the Joint Ethics Committee shall review the [statement] COMPLAINT and proceed in accordance with § 15-518 of this subtitle unless, after examination of the ~~statement~~ COMPLAINT and the issues raised thereby, it finds that further proceedings are not justified because:

(1) the [statement] COMPLAINT is frivolous;

(2) the [statement and the accompanying affidavit do] COMPLAINT DOES not allege actions on the part of the member which provide reason to believe that a violation may have occurred;

(3) the matters alleged are not within the jurisdiction of the Joint Ethics Committee;

(4) the violations alleged were inadvertent, technical, or minor, or have been cured, and, after consideration of all of the circumstances then known, further proceedings would not serve the purposes of this [section] SUBTITLE; or

(5) for other reasons, after consideration of all the circumstances, further proceedings would not serve the purposes of this [section] SUBTITLE.

(b) (1) If a finding is made under subsection (a) of this section, the Joint Ethics Committee shall:

(I) submit a report of its conclusions to the presiding officer OR TO THE MEMBERSHIP of the branch of the legislature of which the legislator is a member, and the proceedings shall be terminated;

(II) PROVIDE ADVICE OR GUIDANCE TO THE MEMBER; OR

(III) PROVIDE THE MEMBER WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO CURE ANY MINOR VIOLATION OF ETHICAL STANDARDS.

(2) (I) Subject to § 15-516 of this subtitle, notice of the Joint Ethics Committee's action shall be provided to the member and to any person who filed the [statement] COMPLAINT.

(II) Upon request, the legislator may see the [statement] COMPLAINT and the report.