

(2) federal, State, or local officials, or their auditors, who provide evidence to the Legislative Auditor that they are performing investigations, studies, or audits related to that same audit or review and who provide justification for the specific information requested; or

(3) the Joint Audit Committee, if necessary to assist the Committee in reviewing a report issued by the Legislative Auditor.

(c) [If] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 2-1225 OF THIS SUBTITLE, IF information that an employee obtains during an audit or review also is confidential under another law, the employee or the Legislative Auditor may not include in a report or otherwise use the information in any manner that discloses the identity of any person who is the subject of the confidential information.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2004.

Approved May 11, 2004.

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(House Bill 124)

AN ACT concerning

Attorney General – Prosecution of Criminal Offenses Reported by the Office of Legislative Audits

FOR the purpose of repealing a requirement that the Legislative Auditor report ~~certain alleged violations of law by a unit of State government or other body that is audited or reviewed by the Office of the Legislative Auditor under certain circumstances; repealing a requirement that the Attorney General respond to certain persons regarding certain actions taken by the Attorney General based on a certain report by the Legislative Auditor~~ a certain alleged default by an officer or employee who is subject to audit or review to the Attorney General and a certain State's Attorney; authorizing requiring the Legislative Auditor to report to the Attorney General and the State's Attorney any alleged criminal violation by a person discovered during the course of an ~~audit or review~~ audit, review, or investigation; requiring the Attorney General and the State's Attorney to keep a certain report of an alleged criminal violation confidential under certain circumstances; authorizing the Attorney General to investigate and prosecute any alleged criminal violation reported by the Legislative Auditor under certain circumstances; authorizing the Attorney General to exercise all the powers and duties of a State's Attorney to investigate and prosecute certain alleged criminal violations under certain circumstances; creating an exception to certain confidentiality requirements of the Legislative Auditor under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the authority of the Attorney General to investigate and prosecute certain alleged criminal violations reported by the Legislative Auditor under certain circumstances.