

(II) IF THE PRESIDING OFFICER DISAGREES WITH THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE, THE REASONS FOR DISAGREEMENT SHALL BE STATED IN WRITING AND FORWARDED, TOGETHER WITH THE REPORT, TO AN INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE CREATED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (P) FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS.

(4) IF THE REPORT INCLUDES A FINDING UNDER SUBSECTION (L)(4)(III), THE PRESIDING OFFICER SHALL PROMPTLY FORWARD THE REPORT TO AN INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE CREATED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (P) FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS.

(O) (1) THIS SUBSECTION GOVERNS ALL MATTERS REFERRED TO AN INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

(2) IF THE MATTER HAS BEEN REFERRED TO THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (N)(3)(II), THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE SHALL REVIEW THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE AND DETERMINE INITIALLY WHETHER, BASED UPON THE REASONS OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER OR OTHERWISE, FURTHER PROCEEDINGS ARE JUSTIFIED. IF THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE DETERMINES THAT FURTHER PROCEEDINGS ARE NOT JUSTIFIED, IT SHALL SO REPORT TO THE PRESIDING OFFICER, AND THE PROCEEDINGS SHALL BE TERMINATED.

(3) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE SHALL REVIEW THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE AND, IN SUCH DETAIL AS IT CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE, CONDUCT FURTHER PROCEEDINGS UNTIL IT IS PREPARED TO MAKE A REPORT PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION. THE PROCEEDINGS SHALL BE CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 72 THROUGH 87 OF ARTICLE 40 OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND TO THE EXTENT THOSE PROVISIONS ARE NOT INCONSISTENT WITH SUBSECTION (J) OR OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

(4) AT THE CONCLUSION OF ITS INVESTIGATION PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE SHALL MAKE SUCH FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS AS IT CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE AND TAKE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

(I) IF THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE CONCLUDES THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO VIOLATION, THE COMMITTEE SHALL REPORT ITS FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PRESIDING OFFICER OF THAT BRANCH OF THE LEGISLATURE, AND THE PROCEEDINGS SHALL BE TERMINATED.

(II) 1. IF THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE CONCLUDES THAT A VIOLATION HAS OCCURRED, THE COMMITTEE SHALL SUBMIT A WRITTEN REPORT OF ITS FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PRESIDING OFFICER OF THAT BRANCH.

2. THE REPORT AND FORMAL RECORD OF THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE SHALL BE PUBLIC RECORDS.