

(3) A prevailing complainant may be awarded back pay, seniority, leave, promotion, reasonable attorney's fees, litigation costs, or other appropriate relief.

(c) A complainant or appointing authority may secure review of a decision under this section in the circuit court for the jurisdiction in which the violation allegedly occurred. The court in hearing this case shall be governed by the judicial review standards of the Administrative Procedure Act, §§ 10-215 and 10-216 of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code. In addition to other relief, the court may award a prevailing complainant reasonable attorney's fees and costs of litigation.

(d) In any hearing held pursuant to this section, confidentiality shall be maintained regarding any record or information the privacy or confidentiality of which is protected pursuant to Title 10, Subtitle 6 of the State Government Article. If any record so protected is deemed essential to the conduct of a hearing, names and other identifying information shall be deleted as necessary to maintain confidentiality.

12J.

The Attorney General shall:

(1) Designate an assistant to receive from employees any disclosure of information the privacy or confidentiality of which is protected pursuant to Article 76A - Public Information;

(2) Investigate any allegation of illegality or impropriety made by an employee pursuant to a disclosure of information the privacy or confidentiality of which is protected pursuant to Article 76A - Public Information;

(3) Take appropriate legal action based on the information disclosed; and

(4) Following an investigation, submit a confidential report to the Governor describing the content of each disclosure received pursuant to this section.

12K.

The Secretary shall:

~~(1) CARRY OUT AN ANNUAL EMPLOYEE EDUCATION PROGRAM TO PROVIDE NOTICE TO ALL EMPLOYEES OF THE AVAILABILITY OF PROTECTIONS AND REMEDIES UNDER THIS SUBTITLE; AND~~

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