

- (I) A STATE OFFICIAL OF THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH; AND
 - (II) A VIOLATION OF SUBTITLE 5 OF THIS TITLE; OR
 - (3) THE STAFF COUNSEL, IF THE COMPLAINT CONCERNS ANY OTHER ENTITY.
- (B) ASSISTANCE FROM ETHICS COMMISSION.

ON REQUEST OF THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL DISABILITIES OR THE JOINT ETHICS COMMITTEE, THE ETHICS COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION OR ASSISTANCE THAT IS NOT PROHIBITED BY LAW.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 40A, § 2-105(b), (c), (f), and the first sentence of (d).

- Defined terms: "Entity" § 15-102
- "Ethics Commission" § 15-102
- "Joint Ethics Committee" § 15-102
- "State official" § 15-102

15-403. COMPLAINTS RETAINED BY ETHICS COMMISSION – PRELIMINARY ACTION.

(A) EVIDENCE.

AS TO A COMPLAINT RETAINED BY THE ETHICS COMMISSION UNDER § 15-402(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE STAFF COUNSEL SHALL COLLECT AND REFER TO THE ETHICS COMMISSION EVIDENCE RELATING TO EACH VIOLATION OF THIS TITLE ALLEGED IN THE COMPLAINT.

(B) OPPORTUNITY TO CURE.

(1) PRIOR TO SUBMITTING THE EVIDENCE TO THE ETHICS COMMISSION, THE STAFF COUNSEL SHALL NOTIFY THE COMPLAINANT AND THE RESPONDENT.

(2) THE COMMISSION SHALL DISMISS THE COMPLAINT IN A SIGNED ORDER IF:

(I) THE RESPONDENT, WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER RECEIVING THE NOTICE, TAKES ANY AVAILABLE ACTION TO CURE EACH ALLEGED VIOLATION; AND

(II) IT FINDS THAT DISMISSAL IS NOT CONTRARY TO THE PURPOSES OF THIS TITLE.

(3) IF THE COMPLAINT IS DISMISSED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, THE ETHICS COMMISSION SHALL PROMPTLY SEND A COPY OF THE ORDER TO THE COMPLAINANT AND THE RESPONDENT.

(C) DISMISSAL AFTER PRELIMINARY REVIEW.

IF THE ETHICS COMMISSION DETERMINES THAT THE EVIDENCE SUBMITTED BY THE STAFF COUNSEL DOES NOT MERIT FURTHER PROCEEDINGS, THE ETHICS COMMISSION SHALL: