

(iii) a violation of law; or

(2) FOLLOWING A DISCLOSURE UNDER ITEM (1) OF THIS SECTION seeks a remedy provided [by] UNDER this subtitle OR ANY OTHER LAW OR POLICY GOVERNING THE EMPLOYEE'S UNIT.

[3-304.] 5-306.

[(b) Subsection (a) of this section] SECTION 5-305 OF THIS SUBTITLE applies to a disclosure that is specifically prohibited by law only if that disclosure is made exclusively to the Attorney General in the manner allowed in [§ 3-310] § 5-313 of this subtitle.

[3-305.

(a) An applicant or employee may charge an appointing authority with a violation of § 3-304 of this subtitle by submitting a complaint to the Secretary.

(b) A complaint under this subtitle must be submitted within 1 year of the day on which the complainant first knew or should have known of the violation.]

[3-306.

(a) The Secretary shall:

(1) promptly send a copy of the complaint to the appointing authority and to any individual named in the complaint as having violated § 3-304 of this subtitle; and

(2) provide the appointing authority with an opportunity to respond in writing to the complaint.

(b) The complaint shall be investigated by:

(1) the Secretary; or

(2) if the Department is charged in a complaint, a designee of the Governor.]

[3-307.

(a) On completion of the investigation, the Secretary or the Governor's designee shall determine whether a violation of § 3-304 of this subtitle has occurred.

(b) If the Secretary or the Governor's designee determines that a violation has not occurred, the Secretary or the Governor's designee shall dismiss the complaint.

(c) (1) If the Secretary or the Governor's designee determines that a violation has occurred, the Secretary shall take remedial action consistent with the purposes of this subtitle.

(2) The remedial action may include:

(i) causing the removal from the complainant's State personnel record of any related detrimental information;

(ii) requiring the appointing authority to hire, promote, or reinstate the complainant or end the suspension of the complainant;