

(4) the violations alleged were inadvertent, technical, or minor, or have been cured, and, after consideration of all of the circumstances then known, further proceedings would not serve the purposes of this [section] SUBTITLE; or

(5) for other reasons, after consideration of all the circumstances, further proceedings would not serve the purposes of this [section] SUBTITLE.

(b) (1) If a finding is made under subsection (a) of this section, the Joint Ethics Committee shall:

(I) submit a report of its conclusions to the presiding officer OR TO THE MEMBERSHIP of the branch of the legislature of which the legislator is a member, and the proceedings shall be terminated;

(II) PROVIDE ADVICE OR GUIDANCE TO THE MEMBER; OR

(III) PROVIDE THE MEMBER WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO CURE ANY MINOR VIOLATION OF ETHICAL STANDARDS.

(2) (I) Subject to § 15-516 of this subtitle, notice of the Joint Ethics Committee's action shall be provided to the member and to any person who filed the [statement] COMPLAINT.

(II) Upon request, the legislator may see the [statement] COMPLAINT and the report.

(c) If no finding is made under subsection (a) of this section, the Joint Ethics Committee shall prepare [a preliminary] AN ALLEGATION summary, based upon its examination under that subsection, setting forth the alleged facts and the issues then known which merit further proceedings.

(D) AFTER REVIEW OF A COMPLAINT, THE JOINT ETHICS COMMITTEE SHALL PROVIDE A STATEMENT OF ITS FINDINGS TO THE LEGISLATOR AGAINST WHOM THE COMPLAINT HAS BEEN FILED.

15-518. Allegation summary.

(a) Except as to proceedings terminated in accordance with § 15-517(b) of this subtitle, the legislator shall be notified and provided with a copy of the [statement] COMPLAINT filed or prepared pursuant to § 15-515 of this subtitle and of the [preliminary] ALLEGATION summary prepared pursuant to § 15-517(c) of this subtitle and allowed [15 days] AN OPPORTUNITY to file a written answer to the [preliminary] ALLEGATION summary.

(b) [(1)] Following notification of the legislator, the Joint Ethics Committee [shall] MAY EITHER:

[(i)] (1) terminate the proceedings [if an answer from the legislator is timely filed and the Joint Ethics Committee finds that, upon a basis set forth in § 15-517(a) of this subtitle, further proceedings are not justified, in which case § 15-517(b) of this subtitle shall govern.]; OR