

(2) based on its investigations and studies, other special reports with recommendations for legislation as may be appropriate.

15-401.

(a) (1) Any entity may file with the Ethics Commission a written complaint alleging a violation of this title.

(2) A complaint filed under this subsection shall be:

(i) signed; and

(ii) made under oath.

(b) The Ethics Commission on its own motion may issue a complaint alleging a violation of this title.

(c) The Ethics Commission promptly shall transmit to the respondent a copy of the complaint.

15-403.

(a) 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) (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 action that may be available 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) If the Ethics Commission determines that the evidence submitted by the staff counsel does not merit further proceedings, the Ethics Commission shall:

(1) dismiss the complaint in a signed order; and

(2) promptly send a copy of the order to the complainant and the respondent.

(d) If a complaint is not dismissed under subsection (b) or (c) of this section, the Ethics Commission shall proceed to a hearing on the complaint.