

TO PROSECUTE AN ALLEGED CRIMINAL VIOLATION REPORTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND STATE'S ATTORNEY SHALL KEEP THE REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR UNDER THIS SUBSECTION CONFIDENTIAL.

(4) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY INVESTIGATE AND PROSECUTE ANY ALLEGED CRIMINAL VIOLATION REPORTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION AND HAS ALL THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF A STATE'S ATTORNEY, INCLUDING THE USE OF A GRAND JURY IN ANY COUNTY OR BALTIMORE CITY, TO INVESTIGATE AND PROSECUTE THE ALLEGED VIOLATION.

(c) (1) The Office of the Attorney General shall respond, in writing, to a report received from the Legislative Auditor under this section.

(2) The response of the Attorney General shall include what actions, if any, were taken as a result of the findings of the Legislative Auditor.

(3) The response of the Attorney General shall be submitted to:

- (i) the Joint Audit Committee;
- (ii) the Executive Director;
- (iii) the unit or body that is the subject of the report; and
- (iv) the Legislative Auditor.‡

~~2-1225.~~

~~(A) IF THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR DISCOVERS ANY ALLEGED CRIMINAL VIOLATION BY A PERSON DURING THE COURSE OF AN AUDIT OR REVIEW, THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR MAY REPORT THE ALLEGED VIOLATION TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.~~

~~(B) UNLESS THE ATTORNEY GENERAL DECIDES TO PROSECUTE AN ALLEGED CRIMINAL VIOLATION REPORTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL KEEP THE REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION CONFIDENTIAL.~~

~~(C) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY INVESTIGATE AND PROSECUTE ANY ALLEGED CRIMINAL VIOLATION REPORTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION AND HAS ALL THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF A STATE'S ATTORNEY, INCLUDING THE USE OF A GRAND JURY IN ANY COUNTY OR BALTIMORE CITY, TO INVESTIGATE AND PROSECUTE THE ALLEGED VIOLATION.~~

2-1226.

(a) Except as provided in § 2-1225 OF THIS SUBTITLE AND subsection (b) of this section, information that an employee of the Office of Legislative Audits obtains during an audit or review:

- (1) is confidential; and
- (2) may not be disclosed except to another employee of the Office of Legislative Audits.