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Auditor of State's Fraud Reporting Hotline

In 2003, then Auditor of State Betty Montgomery created the auditor of state's fraud hotline. The hotline was established as a way for all Ohioans to report potential fraud throughout government.

Recently passed legislation House Bill 66 (HB 66), which takes effect **May 4, 2012**, makes several changes to the auditor of state's fraud hotline. The system allows all Ohio citizens the opportunity to make anonymous complaints through a toll-free telephone number, the auditor of state's website, or through the United States Postal Service.

The legislation also extends the current whistle-blower protections contained in Section 124.341 of the revised code to employees who file a complaint with the new fraud reporting system. If a classified or unclassified employee becomes aware of a situation and reports it to the auditor of state's fraud reporting system, the employee is protected against certain retaliatory or disciplinary actions. If retaliatory or disciplinary action is taken against the employee, the employee has the right to appeal with the State Personnel Board of Review.

If you suspect fraud, waste or misuse of taxpayer funds,

- call the auditor of state's fraud hotline 1-866-FRAUD OH (1-886-372-8364), or
- send your tip by email through their website at www.auditor.state.oh.us/fraudcenter or
- send a letter addressed to:

Ohio Auditor of State's Office
Special Investigations Unit
88 E. Broad St.
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- For information on what to include when reporting fraud and more, visit the auditor of state website at www.auditor.state.oh.us/fraudcenter.