

In March, House Bill (HB) 166 was signed into law. This legislation requires the Ohio auditor of state to establish a fraud reporting system to handle reports of fraud within Ohio's public offices. In addition, it extends the whistle-blower protections found in Ohio Revised Code Section (RC) 124.341 to employees who file a fraud complaint with the auditor's office and places notification requirements on all public employers. ***The new law requires that all employees be notified of the fraud reporting system:***

The State of Ohio has established a reporting system whereby public employees can file complaints of fraud and misuse of public funds by public offices or officials. Complaints can be made using any of the following methods:

1. Mail a written complaint to:

Ohio Auditor of State's Office

Special Investigations Unit

88 East Broad Street

Columbus, Ohio 43215

2. Report a complaint online by going to:

www.FraudOhio.com, then click on "Report Fraud Online".

3. Report a complaint by telephone by calling:

1-866-FRAUD-OH (866-372-8364)