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By: **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Budget and Management)**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Personnel – Maryland Whistleblower Law – Confidentiality of**
3 **Information Obtained During Investigations of Complaints**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing that information obtained during investigations of
5 complaints conducted under the Maryland Whistleblower Law is confidential
6 within the meaning of certain provisions of law; providing for the application of
7 this Act; and generally relating to the Maryland Whistleblower Law in the
8 Executive Branch of State government.

9 BY adding to
10 Article – State Personnel and Pensions
11 Section 5–314
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – State Personnel and Pensions**

17 **5–314.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 **INFORMATION OBTAINED AS PART OF AN INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED**
2 **UNDER THIS SUBTITLE IS CONFIDENTIAL WITHIN THE MEANING OF TITLE 10,**
3 **SUBTITLE 6 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.**

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be
5 construed to apply retroactively and shall be applied to and interpreted to affect any
6 information obtained as part of an investigation of a complaint conducted under Title
7 5, Subtitle 3 of the State Personnel and Pensions Article that was initiated or
8 completed before the effective date of this Act.

9 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 October 1, 2009.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.