

2007 Senate Bill 86

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2007 WISCONSIN ACT 126

AN ACT to create 13.94 (1) (br) of the statutes; **relating to:** a fraud, waste, and mismanagement hotline at the Legislative Audit Bureau.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 13.94 (1) (br) of the statutes is created to read:

13.94 (1) (br) 1. Maintain a toll-free telephone number with voice mail at the bureau's office to receive reports of fraud, waste, and mismanagement in state government. Except as provided in subd. 2., the bureau shall relay these reports to the appropriate bureau employee for investigation. If the bureau has a bureau employee investigate the report, the employee may consult with any state department, board, commission, or independent agency for any purpose related to the investigation. The bureau shall publicize the toll-free telephone number on the bureau's Web site. The bureau shall maintain records that permit the release of information provided by infor-

nants while protecting the identity of the informant. Any records maintained by the bureau that relate to the identity of informants shall be only for the confidential use of the bureau in the administration of this section, unless the informant expressly agrees to release the records. Appearance in court as a witness shall not be considered consent by an informant to release confidential records maintained by the bureau.

2. In lieu of requiring a bureau employee to conduct an investigation of a report received under subd. 1., the bureau may refer a report to a state department, board, commission, or independent agency for investigation. The state department, board, commission, or independent agency shall conduct the investigation and deliver the results of the investigation to the bureau in a timely manner.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 2005-06 : Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated" by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].