

To: All Sinclair Employees

Re: Ohio Auditor of State's Fraud-Reporting System for Public Employees

The following information is from a Bulletin issued by the Ohio Auditor of State on April 4, 2012.

Recently passed legislation [of the Ohio General Assembly] House Bill 66 (HB 66) makes several changes to the Auditor of State's fraud hotline. The bill requires the Auditor of State to maintain a system for the reporting of fraud, including misuse of public money by any public official or office. 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' mail.

The Auditor of State is required to keep a log of all complaints filed. The log is a public record under Section 149.43 of the Revised Code and must contain the following: the date the complaint was received, a general description of the nature of the complaint, the name of the public office or agency with regard to which the complaint is directed, and a general description of the status of the review by the Auditor's office. Information in the log may be redacted if Section 149.43 of the Revised Code or another statute provides an applicable exemption. During the course of Auditor of State investigations, information will be redacted pursuant to Section 149.43 (A) (2) in order to conduct thorough investigations.

The new legislation also has a direct impact on all public employers. On the bill's effective date, May 4, 2012, public offices, including community schools, must make their employees aware of the fraud-reporting system. Public offices also must provide information about the fraud reporting system to all new hires. All new employees must confirm that they received this information within thirty days after beginning employment. Section 117.103 requires the Auditor of State to confirm that public offices have so notified new employees.

The Notice of Auditor of State's Fraud Reporting-System is being emailed to you as a Sinclair employee to make you aware of the fraud-reporting system, as required by this recent legislation:

Auditor of State's fraud reporting-system

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Auditor of State's fraud contact information:

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

US Mail: Ohio Auditor of State's office
Special Investigations Unit
88 East Broad Street
P.O. Box 1140
Columbus, OH 43215

Web: www.ohioauditor.gov

Acknowledgement of receipt of
Auditor of State fraud reporting-system information

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 117.103(B)(1), a public office shall provide information about the Ohio fraud-reporting system and the means of reporting fraud to each new employee upon employment with the public office.

Each new employee has thirty days after beginning employment to confirm receipt of this information.

By signing below you are acknowledging that Sinclair Community College has provided you information about the fraud-reporting system as described by Section 117.103(A) of the Revised Code, and that you read and understand the information provided.

I have read the information provided by Sinclair Community College regarding the fraud-reporting system operated by the Ohio Auditor of State's office. I further state that by signing below I acknowledge receipt of this information.

PRINTED NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE