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State Fraud, Waste & Abuse Hotline **(800) 723-1615**

The toll-free State Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline provides an anonymous and confidential method for state employees and citizens to report suspected fraud, waste, abuse or corruption in executive branch state agencies and institutions, such as:

- Illegal or fraudulent conduct
- Waste of state funds
- Abuse of state property or resources
- Gross mismanagement
- Gross neglect of duty

Fraud & Abuse Whistle Blower Protection Act

OSIG oversees the Fraud and Abuse Whistle Blower Protection Act and administers the Fraud and Abuse Whistle Blower Reward Fund. The fund is available solely to provide monetary rewards to state

employees and Virginia citizens who have disclosed relevant information under the Fraud and Abuse Whistle Blower Protection Act that results in the recovery of at least \$5,000. The amount of the reward is up to 10 percent of the funds recovered by the Commonwealth.

Behavioral Health & Developmental Services

OSIG provides oversight and performs annual, unannounced inspections of facilities operated by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, issuing policy and operational recommendations. OSIG also monitors and reviews the quality of services and programs at those facilities, 40 community service boards and more than 1,200 licensed providers of behavioral health, substance abuse and intellectual and/or developmental disability services.

OSIG also investigates specific complaints of abuse, neglect or inadequate care. In addition, OSIG keeps the General Assembly and the Joint Commission on Health Care fully informed of significant problems related to behavioral health and developmental services.

Performance Audit Services

OSIG conducts performance audits of state executive branch agencies to assess the efficiency, effectiveness or economy of state programs and operations and to confirm appropriated sums are used for their intended purpose. OSIG is also responsible for auditing the operations of the Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission. OSIG performance audits are conducted in accordance with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards (GAGAS) as outlined by the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO).

Investigations & Law Enforcement Services

One way OSIG serves the citizens of the Commonwealth is by investigating allegations of fraud, waste, abuse or corruption in executive branch state agencies, certain non-state agencies,

contractors, or by officers and employees of those agencies.

The agency has law enforcement authority within its general scope of operations and works in cooperation with the Virginia State Police, Division of Capitol Police and other state and federal law enforcement agencies in its investigative pursuits.

Internal Audit & Training Services

OSIG serves in an oversight, advisory and standard-setting capacity with regard to agency internal audit programs.

In this role, OSIG provides training opportunities to internal auditors, as well as counsel and guidance to agency internal audit programs.

OSIG's Authority

Title 2.2, [Chapter 3.2](#) (§§ 2.2-307 through 2.2-322) of the Code of Virginia outlines the authority, responsibilities, powers and duties of OSIG.

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