

(2) applicants for employment in the classified service of the executive branch of State government.]

5-301.

~~(A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THIS SUBTITLE APPLIES TO ALL EMPLOYEES AND STATE EMPLOYEES WHO ARE APPLICANTS FOR POSITIONS IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING A UNIT WITH AN INDEPENDENT PERSONNEL SYSTEM.~~

~~(B) THIS SUBTITLE DOES NOT APPLY TO TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES IN THE STATE PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM OR TO CONTRACTUAL, EMERGENCY, OR OTHER TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES IN A UNIT WITH AN INDEPENDENT PERSONNEL SYSTEM IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT.~~

[3-302.] 5-302.

[(a) The Secretary shall provide all employees subject to this subtitle with written notice of the protections and remedies provided by this subtitle.]

[(b)](A) This subtitle does not preclude action for defamation or invasion of privacy.

[(c)](B) This subtitle does not prohibit a personnel action that would have been taken regardless of a disclosure of information.

[(d) The remedies provided by this subtitle are in addition to the grievance procedures provided by Title 10 of this article.]

[3-303.] 5-303.

The Secretary shall adopt regulations for processing and resolving complaints brought under this subtitle.

5-304.

THE HEAD OF EACH PRINCIPAL UNIT SHALL PROVIDE THE EMPLOYEES OF THE UNIT WITH WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE PROTECTIONS AND REMEDIES PROVIDED BY THIS SUBTITLE.

[3-304.] 5-305.

[(a)]Subject to the limitations of [subsection (b) of this section] § 5-306 OF THIS SUBTITLE, A SUPERVISOR, [an] appointing authority, OR THE HEAD OF A PRINCIPAL UNIT may not take or refuse to take any personnel action as a reprisal against an [applicant or] employee who:

(1) discloses information that the [applicant or] employee reasonably believes evidences:

(i) an abuse of authority, gross mismanagement, or gross waste of money;

(ii) a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety; or