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AN ACT to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §7-1-16; to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §8-9-4; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §30-1-5a, all relating to the reporting of fraud, misappropriation of moneys, and other violations of law relating to the public trust to the commission on special investigations; requiring reporting when a county commission, or any of a county's boards, committees, or certain other county entities obtain certain information regarding misappropriation, fraud or violations of law relating to the public trust; requiring reporting when a municipality, or any of a municipality's boards, committees, or certain other municipal entities obtain certain information regarding misappropriation, fraud or violations of law relating to the public trust; requiring reporting when certain professional and occupational boards of the state obtain certain information regarding misappropriation, fraud or violations of law relating to the public trust; and clarifying that the reporting requirements do not prevent, relieve or replace a report to law-enforcement where appropriate or warranted.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated §7-1-16, that said code be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated §8-9-4, and that said code be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated §30-1-5a, all to read as follows:

CHAPTER 7. COUNTY COMMISSIONS AND OFFICERS

ARTICLE 1. COUNTY COMMISSIONS GENERALLY.

§7-1-16. Reporting of fraud and misappropriation of funds.

(a) Whenever a county commission, or any of a county’s boards, committees, or any other entities of any kind or nature authorized in this chapter, obtains information that an employee, officer or member of the county commission, or any of a county’s boards, committees, or any
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other entities of any kind or nature authorized in this chapter may have misappropriated funds, engaged in fraud, or otherwise violated a law relating to the public trust, the county commission, or the county’s board, committee, or other entity authorized in this chapter shall timely report such information or allegation in writing to the county prosecutor’s office.

(b) The reporting of such information under subsection (a) of this section shall not prevent, relieve or replace a report to a law-enforcement agency, if appropriate or warranted.

CHAPTER 8. MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS.

ARTICLE 9. PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNING BODIES.

§8-9-4. Reporting of fraud and misappropriation of funds.

(a) Whenever a governing body of a municipality, or any of a municipality’s boards, committees, or any other entities of any kind or nature authorized in this chapter, obtains information that an employee, officer or member of municipality, or any of a municipality's boards, committees, or any other entities of any kind or nature authorized in this chapter may have misappropriated funds, engaged in fraud, or otherwise violated a law relating to the public trust, municipality, or any of a municipality's board, committee, or any other entity authorized in this chapter shall timely report such information or allegation in writing to the county prosecutor’s office.

(b) The reporting of such information under subsection (a) of this section shall not prevent, relieve or replace a report to a law-enforcement agency, if appropriate or warranted.

CHAPTER 30. PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS.

ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL STATE BOARDS OF EXAMINATION OR REGISTRATION REFERRED TO IN CHAPTER.

§30-1-5a. Reporting of fraud and misappropriation of funds.

(a) Whenever a board referred to in this chapter obtains information that an employee, officer or member of the board may have misappropriated funds, engaged in fraud, or otherwise
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3 violated a law relating to the public trust, the board shall timely report such information or
4 allegation in writing to the commission on special investigations, established in article five, chapter
5 four of this code.
6 (b) The reporting of such information under subsection (a) of this section shall not prevent,
7 relieve or replace a report to a law-enforcement agency, if appropriate or warranted.
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The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman, House Committee

Chairman, Senate Committee

Originating in the House.

In effect ninety days from passage.

Clerk of the House of Delegates

Clerk of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

The within is approved this the day of April, 2017.

Governor