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NEW HOTLINE MAKES IT EASIER TO REPORT SUSPECTED FRAUD AND ABUSE TO THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR

Do you suspect that someone is misusing public funds? If so, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor (LLA) has made it easier to report your suspicions.

Starting today, the LLA Hotline gives the public multiple avenues to provide information on possible theft, fraud, waste or abuse of public funds by anyone. Information can be provided via telephone, fax, online or through the U.S. Postal Service.

Information provided to the hotline may result in an investigation, audit or other review by LLA staff. Information can be provided anonymously, but giving your name and telephone number will allow LLA to follow up if other questions arise.

The LLA Hotline is a result of Act 693 of the 2014 Regular Legislative Session. Act 693, which is effective as of today as Louisiana Revised Statute 24:523.1, requires state, local and quasipublic agencies to post a notice that provides information on how to report the misuse of public funds to LLA. This notice must be posted on an agency's premises and website.

Contacting the LLA Hotline can be done in any of four ways:

- By telephone (toll-free) 1-844-50 FRAUD (*503-7283*)
- By fax 1-844-40 FRAUD (403-7283)
- Online <u>ReportFraud.La</u>
- By U.S. mail LLA Hotline, P.O. Box 94397, Baton Rouge, LA 70804

For more information, contact:

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