STATE OF OHIO FRAUD HOTLINE

In 2003, then Auditor of State Betty Montgomery created the Auditor of State’s fraud hotline. The hotline was established as a way for all Ohioans to report potential fraud throughout government.

House Bill 66, effective May 4, 2012, made 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. 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 legislation also extends the current whistle-blower protections contained in Section 124.341 of the Revised Code to employees who file a complaint with the new fraud-reporting system. If an employee becomes aware of a situation and reports it to the Auditor of State’s fraud-reporting system, the employee is protected against certain retaliatory or disciplinary actions. If retaliatory or disciplinary action is taken against the employee, the employee has the right to appeal with the State Personnel Board of Review.

Section 117.103 requires the Auditor of State to confirm that public offices have notified new employees of the fraud reporting phone number, address, and website (noted below). To demonstrate compliance we are requiring new employees to sign a form acknowledging this notification. Please scroll down, print out and sign the accompanying form and return it with your other employment forms.

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
Acknowledgment 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 Lakeland Community College provided you information about the fraud-reporting systems as described by Section 117.103(A) of the Revised Code, and that you read and understand the information provided. You are also acknowledging you have received and read the information regarding 124.341 of the Revised Code and the protections you are provided as an employee if you use the before-mentioned fraud-reporting system.

I ______________________________ have read the information provided by my employer regarding the fraud-reporting system operated by the Ohio Auditor of State’s Office. I further state that the undersigned signature acknowledges receipt of this information.

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Print Name

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Title

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Department

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Signature

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Date