

**63A-14-403 Privacy of ethics complaint -- Dismissal -- Contempt.**

- (1)
  - (a) Except as provided in Subsection (2) or (3), a person, including the complainant, the respondent, a commission member, or staff to the commission may not disclose the existence of a complaint, a response, or any information concerning an alleged violation that is the subject of a complaint.
  - (b) A person that violates this Subsection (1) may be held in contempt of the commission in accordance with Section 63A-14-705.
- (2) The restrictions described in Subsection (1) do not apply to:
  - (a) a complaint or response that is publicly released by the commission and referred to the Legislature; or
  - (b) the respondent's voluntary disclosure that the commission determined that all allegations in a complaint are without merit, after the commission issues an order dismissing the complaint under Section 63A-14-605.
- (3) Nothing in this section prevents a person from disclosing facts or allegations regarding potential criminal violations to law enforcement authorities.
- (4) If the existence of an ethics complaint is publicly disclosed by a person, other than the respondent or an agent of the respondent, during the period that the commission is reviewing the complaint, the commission shall summarily dismiss the complaint without prejudice.

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