

351—6.3(68B) Complaints or filing information alleging a violation.

6.3(1) *Who may file.* Any person may file a complaint or provide information to the board alleging a violation of Iowa Code chapter 68B or this chapter by officials, employees, and candidates for statewide office.

6.3(2) *Procedure.* The procedure for filing a complaint or providing information to the board alleging a violation of Iowa Code chapter 68B or this chapter is set out in Iowa Code section 68B.32B and 351—Chapter 9.

6.3(3) *Whistleblower protection.* A person who discharges or discriminates against an official or employee because the official or employee filed a complaint or provided information to the board will be subject to the board's complaint process if the official or employee filed the complaint or provided the information in good faith. If it is determined after a contested case proceeding that a person has impermissibly discharged or discriminated against an official or employee, the board may impose sanctions as set out in Iowa Code section 68B.32D. For purposes of this rule, "good faith" means that any statements or materials in a complaint or included as part of information provided to the board were made or provided with a reasonable belief that such statements or materials were true and accurate.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 68B.32A(14) and 68B.32B.

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