

Attorney General—Reward for Information; SB 59

SB 59 authorizes the Attorney General to pay a reward of up to \$5,000 to anyone who first provides information concerning a violation of the Medicaid Fraud Control Act, the False Claims Act, or any other law that protects the integrity of the public treasury. Payment must be made from the Medicaid Fraud Prosecution Revolving Fund, and the Attorney General has discretion in determining whether to pay a reward, the exact amount of the payment, and whether the informant was eligible to receive the award.

No governmental employee is eligible for the award, unless the information provided does not relate to the employee's responsibilities as a government employee. In paying the award, the Attorney General is required to certify that the information was not previously known to the Attorney General and materially contributed to an investigation conducted by the Attorney General. Rewards may be paid only after entry of judgment in favor of the state or a conviction regarding the matter upon which the informant provided information.

The Attorney General is directed to provide information to the public regarding the awards and is given authority to promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of the bill.