

<u>Report 19-12</u> July 2019 State Auditor

## Fraud, Waste, and Mismanagement Hotline

Summary Report: January through June 2019

## Background

As required by s. 13.94 (1) (br), Wis. Stats., the Legislative Audit Bureau operates a toll-free hotline (1-877-FRAUD-17) that allows the public and individuals within state government to confidentially report alleged fraud, waste, and mismanagement. Callers may remain anonymous, and the statute governing the hotline specifically requires us to protect their identities even when other information related to calls is made public. A secure online form is also available to report concerns.

## Summary and Key Findings

Since inception of the hotline through June 30, 2019, we have received 1,133 reports. In this report, we summarize the 35 reports we received from January 1, 2019, through June 30, 2019, and describe 3 reports we resolved during this time period, including:

- a report that alleged personal use of cellular phones by 2 UW employees;
- a report that alleged noncompliance with state travel policies; and
- a report regarding a technical college's compliance with statutory contracting provisions with a private business (report 19-8).

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