

**§ 163A-398. Enforcement by district attorney and Attorney General.**

(a) The State Board may investigate complaints of violations of this Article and shall report apparent violations of this Article to the district attorney of the prosecutorial district as defined in G.S. 7A-60 of which Wake County is a part, who shall prosecute any person or governmental unit who violates any provisions of this Article.

(b) Complaints of violations of this Article involving the State Board or any member employee of the State Board shall be referred to the Attorney General for investigation. The Attorney General shall, upon receipt of a complaint, make an appropriate investigation thereof, and the Attorney General shall forward a copy of the investigation to the district attorney of the prosecutorial district as defined in G.S. 7A-60 of which Wake County is a part, who shall prosecute any person or governmental unit who violates any provisions of this Article. (1975, c. 820, s. 1; 1987 (Reg. Sess., 1988), c. 1037, s. 112; 2005-456, s. 1; 2006-201, s. 18; 2006-259, s. 43.5(b); 2008-213, s. 36; 2016-125, 4th Ex. Sess., s. 4; 2017-6, ss. 2, 3, 6.)