

State Fraud Hotline Active

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(AP) A state fraud hotline received 79 reports in 2011, consistent with the number of calls placed the two prior years. The nonpartisan Legislative Audit Bureau operates the line and reported Wednesday on calls it received. Of the 79 calls last year, only 58 were state-related and within the scope of what the Audit Bureau could investigate. Of those calls, 18 were related to people getting benefits they may not be eligible to receive, 17 were about agency mismanagement and 15 had to do with waste and inefficiency. Five dealt with employee misconduct. Since the hotline began in April 2008, 107 of the calls were found to be unfounded and 108 were resolved. Thirty two remain under review. The hotline number is 1-877-FRAUD-17. Reports can also be made online at www.legis.wisconsin.gov/lab.