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# Misuse of Official Information

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Please feel free to contact us if you have questions or comments regarding this information or any other CTAS website material.

Sincerely,

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A public servant commits an offense who, by reason of information to which the public servant has access in the public servant's official capacity and that has not been made public, attains or aids another to attain a benefit. An offense under this section is a Class B misdemeanor. T.C.A. § 39-16-404.

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