256.685 Investigation; complaint; mediation; conditions for probation.

Sec. 65. (1) The secretary of state may make, on its own initiative or in response to a complaint, a reasonable and necessary investigation within or outside this state and gather evidence against a person that violated, allegedly violated, or is about to violate this act, a rule promulgated under this act, or an order issued under this act, concerning whether a person, an applicant, a driver education provider, or a driver education instructor is in compliance with this act or a rule promulgated under this act.

(2) A person may file a complaint against a person, an applicant, a driver education provider, or a driver education instructor with the secretary of state. A complaint shall be made in a format as prescribed by the secretary of state. The complaint shall be based upon a violation or attempted violation of this act or a rule promulgated under this act and shall contain all of the following information:

(a) The complainant's name, address, and telephone number.
(b) A complete statement describing the basis for the complaint.
(c) A copy of any record, report, or document that is the basis for the complaint, including a copy of the student contract, driver education course certificate of completion issued, or other documents.
(d) The complainant's signature and the date the complaint was signed.
(e) Other information as prescribed by the secretary of state.

(3) The secretary of state may mediate a dispute between a driver education provider or driver education instructor and a student or the student's parent or legal guardian when a dispute arises from a violation or attempted violation of this act or a rule promulgated under this act.

(4) The secretary of state may develop conditions of probation for the operation of a driver education provider or the training conducted by a driver education instructor. Conditions shall be set forth in a written agreement and signed by the driver education provider or driver education instructor and the secretary of state. Conditions of probation may be agreed to in place of further disciplinary proceedings.