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By Representative Graham

1 On page 3, line 3 of the striking amendment, after "(6)" insert
2 "No qui tam action may be brought under this chapter if substantially
3 the same allegations or transactions as alleged in the written notice
4 required under section 5(1) of this act were publicly disclosed: (a)
5 In a criminal, civil, or administrative proceeding in which the agency
6 or an aggrieved employee is a party; (b) in a legislative, agency,
7 attorney general, or other state report, hearing, audit, or
8 investigation; or (c) from a media outlet of any kind, unless the
9 person bringing the action is an original source of the information.

10 (7)"

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12 Renumber the remaining subsections consecutively and correct any
13 internal references accordingly.

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EFFECT: Prohibits a qui tam action if the allegations were
publicly disclosed through specified means.

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