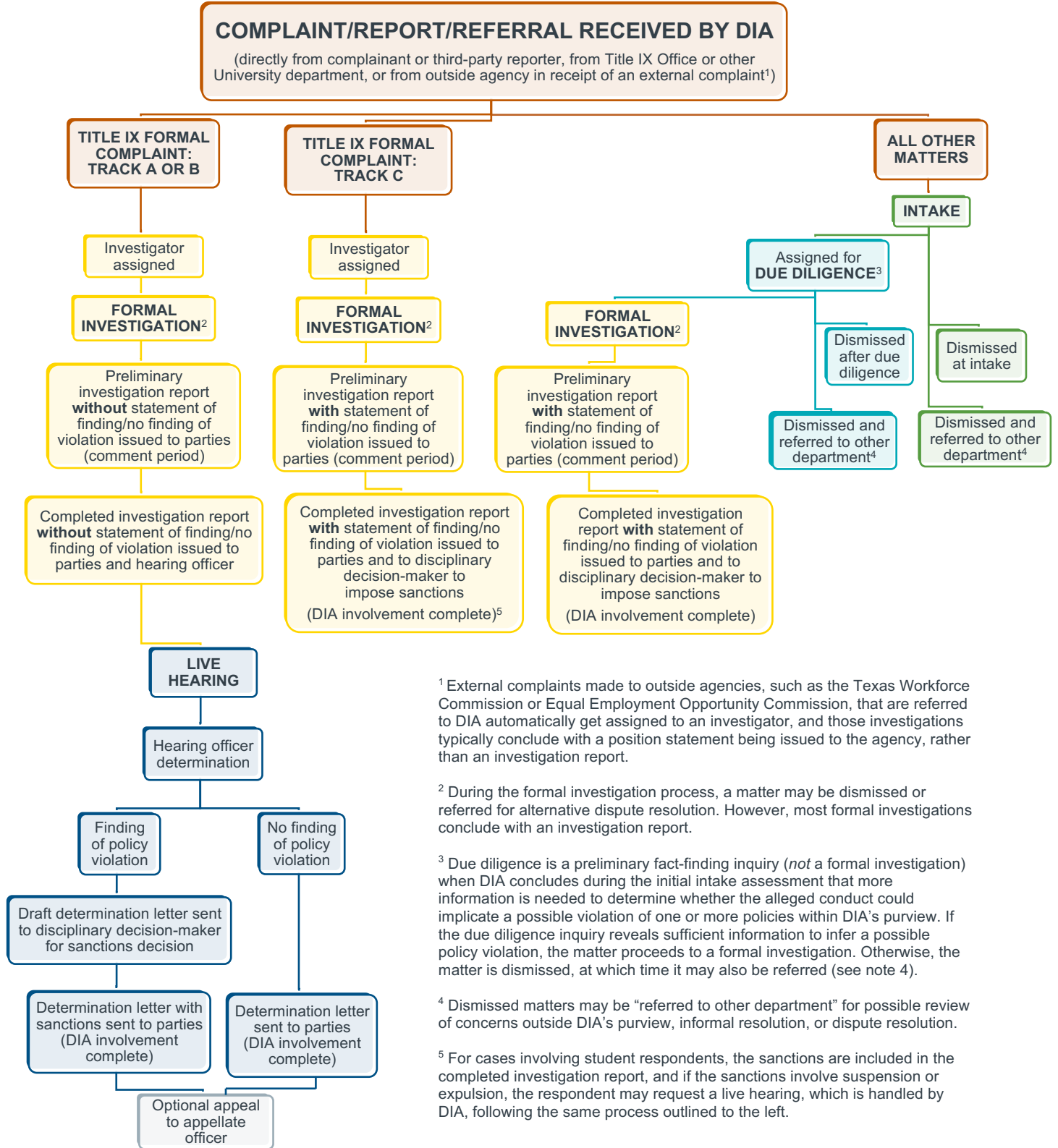


Department of Investigation and Adjudication (DIA) Investigative Process



¹ External complaints made to outside agencies, such as the Texas Workforce Commission or Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, that are referred to DIA automatically get assigned to an investigator, and those investigations typically conclude with a position statement being issued to the agency, rather than an investigation report.

² During the formal investigation process, a matter may be dismissed or referred for alternative dispute resolution. However, most formal investigations conclude with an investigation report.

³ Due diligence is a preliminary fact-finding inquiry (*not* a formal investigation) when DIA concludes during the initial intake assessment that more information is needed to determine whether the alleged conduct could implicate a possible violation of one or more policies within DIA’s purview. If the due diligence inquiry reveals sufficient information to infer a possible policy violation, the matter proceeds to a formal investigation. Otherwise, the matter is dismissed, at which time it may also be referred (see note 4).

⁴ Dismissed matters may be “referred to other department” for possible review of concerns outside DIA’s purview, informal resolution, or dispute resolution.

⁵ For cases involving student respondents, the sanctions are included in the completed investigation report, and if the sanctions involve suspension or expulsion, the respondent may request a live hearing, which is handled by DIA, following the same process outlined to the left.