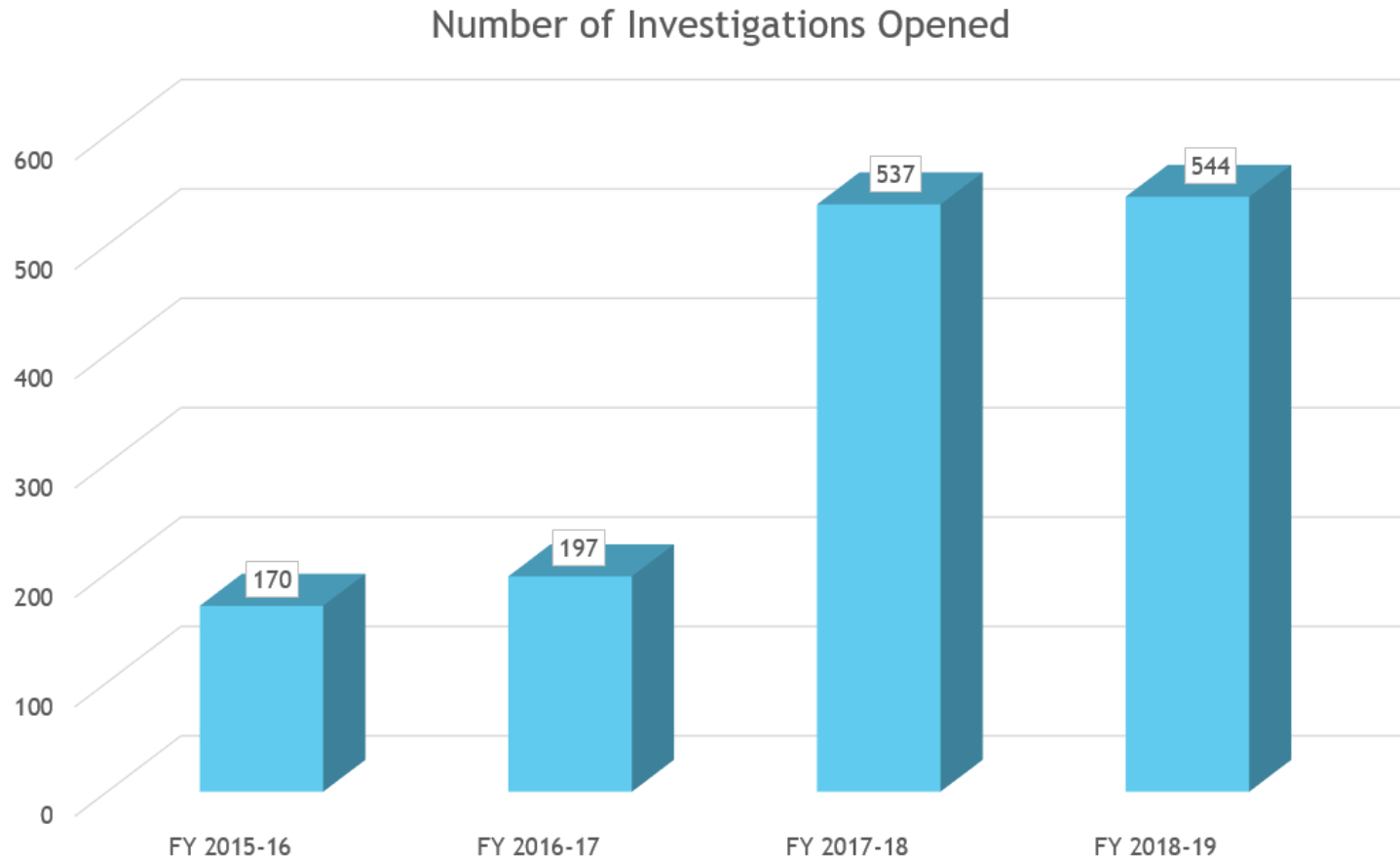


## Number of Investigations Opened for Alleged Violation of Charitable Funds Act (FY 2015-16 – FY 2018-19)<sup>29</sup>

In addition to receiving complaints through the online system, the Investigations Division receives and investigates inquiries from law enforcement, other state and federal agencies, and the media. The Investigations Division also reviews and audits the following to determine whether organizations are in violation of the registration requirements of the Solicitation of Charitable Funds Act: (a) IRS Exempt Organization Master List; (b) Newly Formed Nonprofit Corporations; (c) Expired Charity List; (d) Suspended Charity List; and (e) Media Reports.



<sup>29</sup> S.C. House of Representatives, House Legislative Oversight Committee, “Agency Presentation – Charities and Trademarks (October 28, 2019),” under “Committee Postings and Reports,” under “House Legislative Oversight Committee,” under “Secretary of State, Office of the,” and under “Meetings,”

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