§ 8605. Applicability. (a) Nothing contained in this article shall be construed to alter or modify the other provisions of this chapter where applicable to actions other than actions against the state.

(b) Nothing contained in this article shall be deemed to authorize the institution of a civil action for the sole purpose of obtaining fees incurred by a party to an administrative proceeding.

(c) Nothing contained in this article shall affect or preclude the right of any party to recover fees or other expenses authorized by common law or by any other statute, law or rule.