

Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability

CS/CS/HB 1385 — Inspectors General

by Appropriations Committee; Government Operations Subcommittee; and Rep. Raulerson and others (CS/CS/SB 1328 by Appropriations Committee; Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee; and Senator Latvala)

The bill modifies how agency inspectors general are appointed, supervised, and removed.

The bill provides that upon the change or reelection of a Governor, the Governor must appoint, or may reappoint, the Chief Inspector General before adjournment sine die of the first regular session of the Legislature that convenes after the change or reelection of the Governor.

For state agencies under the jurisdiction of the Cabinet or the Governor and Cabinet, the agency head has the authority to appoint and dismiss the agency inspector general. For agencies under the jurisdiction of the Governor, the Chief Inspector General has the authority to appoint and dismiss, for cause, the agency inspector general.

The bill also provides that for state agencies under the jurisdiction of the Governor, agency inspectors general must provide final reports and responses to OPPAGA and Auditor General reports to the Chief Inspector General.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2014.

Vote: Senate 37-1; House 114-0