

Committee on Education Postsecondary

SB 596 — Board of Governors of the State University System

by Senator Martin

The bill expands the authority of the Office of Inspector General (OIG) within the Board of Governors (BOG) of the State University System to:

- Issue and serve subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum, for the BOG or all state universities, to compel the appearance of witnesses and the production of documents, reports, answers, records, accounts, and other data in any medium.
- Require or authorize a person to file a written statement, under oath if required, as to all the facts and circumstances concerning the matter to be audited, examined, or investigated.

The bill specifies that, in the event of noncompliance with a subpoena, the OIG may petition the appropriate circuit court for an order requiring the subpoenaed person to appear and testify and to produce documents, reports, answers, records, accounts, or other data as specified in the subpoena.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2023.

Vote: Senate 30-9; House 112-1