

By Senator Brown-Waite

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the Department of  
3           Corrections; amending s. 944.31, F.S.;  
4           authorizing the Secretary of Corrections to  
5           designate department personnel as law  
6           enforcement officers; prescribing the powers  
7           and duties of such persons; providing  
8           prerequisites for such designation; providing  
9           an effective date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13           Section 1. Section 944.31, Florida Statutes, is  
14 amended to read:

15           944.31 Inspector general; inspectors; power and  
16 duties.--The inspector general shall be responsible for prison  
17 inspection and investigation, internal affairs investigations,  
18 and management reviews. The office of the inspector general  
19 shall be charged with the duty of inspecting the penal and  
20 correctional systems of the state. The office of the inspector  
21 general shall inspect each correctional institution or any  
22 place in which state prisoners are housed, worked, or kept  
23 within the state, with reference to its physical conditions,  
24 cleanliness, sanitation, safety, and comfort; the quality and  
25 supply of all bedding; the quality, quantity, and diversity of  
26 food served and the manner in which it is served; the number  
27 and condition of the prisoners confined therein; and the  
28 general conditions of each institution. The office of  
29 inspector general shall see that all the rules and regulations  
30 issued by the department are strictly observed and followed by  
31 all persons connected with the correctional systems of the

1 state. The office of the inspector general shall coordinate  
2 and supervise the work of inspectors throughout the state. The  
3 inspector general and inspectors may enter any place where  
4 prisoners in this state are kept and shall be immediately  
5 admitted to such place as they desire and may consult and  
6 confer with any prisoner privately and without molestation.  
7 The inspector general and inspectors shall be responsible for  
8 criminal and administrative investigation of matters relating  
9 to the Department of Corrections. The secretary has the  
10 authority to designate persons occupying any appropriate  
11 position within the office of the inspector general as law  
12 enforcement officers, as necessary, to enforce any criminal  
13 law or to conduct any criminal investigation involving an  
14 alleged violation of law occurring on property owned or leased  
15 by the department or involving matters over which the  
16 department has jurisdiction. Persons designated as law  
17 enforcement officers must be certified under s. 943.1395.  
18 During ~~in such~~ investigations, the inspector general and  
19 inspectors may consult and confer with any prisoner or staff  
20 member privately and without molestation and shall have the  
21 authority to arrest ~~detain~~ any person for violations of the  
22 criminal laws of the state. ~~Such detention shall be made only~~  
23 ~~on properties owned or leased by the department, and~~ The  
24 arrested ~~detained~~ person shall be surrendered without delay to  
25 the sheriff of the county in which the arrest ~~detention~~ is  
26 made, with a formal complaint subsequently made against her or  
27 him in accordance with law.

28 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
29 law.  
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SENATE SUMMARY

Authorizes the Secretary of Corrections to designate employees of the Department of Corrections as law enforcement officers to investigate alleged offenses occurring on land under the control of the department or involving matters under the department's jurisdiction.