

By Representative Kravitz

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to powers and duties of the
3 inspector general of the Department of
4 Corrections; amending s. 944.31, F.S.;
5 authorizing the Secretary of Corrections to
6 designate certain persons as law enforcement
7 officers under certain circumstances; requiring
8 said persons to be certified pursuant to s.
9 943.1395, F.S.; providing 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 shall have the
10 authority to designate persons holding law enforcement
11 certification within the office of inspector general as law
12 enforcement officers when necessary to enforce any criminal
13 law or to conduct any criminal investigation on property which
14 is owned or leased by the department or which involves matters
15 over which the department has jurisdiction. Persons designated
16 as law enforcement officers shall be certified pursuant to s.
17 943.1395. During ~~in such~~ investigations, the inspector general
18 and inspectors may consult and confer with any prisoner or
19 staff member privately and without molestation and shall have
20 the authority to arrest ~~detain~~ any person for violations of
21 the criminal laws of the state. ~~Such detention shall be made~~
22 ~~only on properties owned or leased by the department,~~ and The
23 arrested ~~detained~~ person shall be surrendered without delay to
24 the sheriff of the county in which the arrest ~~detention~~ is
25 made, with a formal complaint subsequently made against her or
26 him in accordance with law.

27 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
28 law.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

Revises provisions relating to the powers and duties of the inspector general of the Department of Corrections, to authorize the Secretary of Corrections to designate certain persons as law enforcement officers under certain circumstances. Requires said persons to be certified pursuant to s. 943.1395, F.S.