

By Senator Garcia

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Office of Inspector
3 General within the Office of the Commissioner
4 of Education; amending s. 229.0073, F.S.;
5 establishing the Office of Inspector General
6 within the Office of the Commissioner of
7 Education; providing for the organization of
8 the Office of Inspector General; providing the
9 responsibilities of the Office of Inspector
10 General; requiring the Office of Inspector
11 General to conduct, coordinate, or request
12 investigations; providing the powers, duties,
13 and responsibilities of the Office of Inspector
14 General; providing an effective date.

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

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18 Section 1. Paragraph (e) is added to subsection (5) of
19 section 229.0073, Florida Statutes, to read:

20 229.0073 Reorganization of the Department of
21 Education.--Effective July 1, 2001, notwithstanding the
22 provisions of s. 20.15, the secretary's Education
23 Reorganization Workgroup is established to direct and provide
24 oversight for the reorganization of Florida's K-20 Department
25 of Education. The workgroup shall be comprised of the
26 Secretary of the Florida Board of Education, the Commissioner
27 of Education, the Governor or his designee, the Chancellor of
28 Colleges and Universities, the Chancellor of Community
29 Colleges, the Chancellor of Public Schools, and the Executive
30 Director of Independent Education, who shall consult with the

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1 legislative members of the Education Governance Reorganization
2 Transition Task Force. The reorganization shall:

3 (5) Establish the following offices within the Office
4 of the Commissioner of Education which shall coordinate their
5 activities with all other divisions and offices:

6 (e) Office of Inspector General.--The office shall be
7 organized using existing resources and funds and shall be
8 responsible for promoting accountability, efficiency, and
9 effectiveness and detecting fraud and abuse within school
10 districts, public community colleges, and public universities
11 in this state. The office shall conduct, coordinate, or
12 request investigations into substantiated allegations made by
13 any person relating to waste, fraud, or financial
14 mismanagement within school districts, public community
15 colleges, and public universities in this state. The office
16 shall have access to all information and personnel necessary
17 to the performance of its duties and shall have all of its
18 current powers, duties, and responsibilities authorized in s.
19 20.055.

20 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

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23 SENATE SUMMARY

24 Creates the Office of Inspector General within the Office
25 of the Commissioner of Education. Provides for the
26 organization of the office. Provides the powers, duties,
27 and responsibilities of the office, including the
28 conduct, coordination, or request of specified
29 investigations.
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