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The Committee on Judiciary (Baker) recommended the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause

and insert:

Section 1. Section 14.325, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

14.325 Council on State Agency Inspectors General.--

(1) For purposes of this section:

(a) "State agency" has the same meaning as defined in s. 20.055(1)(a).

(b) "Council" means the Council on State Agency Inspectors General, which is a council as defined in s. 20.03.

(2) To enhance public trust in government and provide leadership in the promotion of accountability and integrity in state agencies, there is created the Council on State Inspectors General in the Office of Chief Inspector General within the Executive Office of the Governor.

(3) The council shall consist of five members:

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1 (a) The Chief Inspector General, who shall serve as
2 chair.

3 (b) Four inspectors general from other state agencies,
4 appointed by the Governor or his or her designee.

5 (4) A member of the council may not delegate his or
6 her membership to a designee.

7 (5) A quorum shall consist of at least three members.

8 (6) The council shall convene at least monthly for the
9 purpose of developing recommendations relating to the creation
10 of an independent review process for investigations and audits
11 conducted by state agency inspectors general.

12 (7) The review process developed and recommended by
13 the council shall, at a minimum:

14 (a) Offer entities contracting with state agencies and
15 individuals substantially affected by the findings,
16 conclusions, or recommendations a meaningful opportunity to
17 challenge in writing the findings, conclusions, and
18 recommendations contained in a state agency inspector
19 general's final report.

20 (b) Specifically identify the entities and individuals
21 entitled to submit a response, and identify the circumstances
22 under which the entity's response must be attached to the
23 state agency inspector general's final report.

24 (c) Provide a hearing process entitling entities
25 contracting with state agencies and individuals substantially
26 affected by the findings, conclusions, or recommendations with
27 an opportunity to present to the Chief Inspector General any
28 additional material relevant to the state agency inspector
29 general's final report. The review process must permit the
30 Chief Inspector General to independently investigate the state
31 agency inspector general's report and the original

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1 investigation.

2 (d) Identify ancillary issues to be addressed,
3 including, but not limited to, public-records concerns,
4 special conditions for whistle-blower's investigations, and
5 exemptions for specific categories of audits or
6 investigations.

7 (8) On or before January 1, 2007, the council shall
8 issue a report to the Governor, the President of the Senate,
9 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives containing its
10 recommendations and proposed state agency inspector general
11 review process. The report may contain suggested statutory
12 amendments, proposals for administrative rulemaking to be
13 implemented pursuant to s. 120.536(1) and s. 120.54, and any
14 other guidelines, procedures, and suggestions relevant to the
15 creation of a state agency inspector general review process.

16 (9) Administrative support for the council shall be
17 provided by the Office of Chief Inspector General.

18 (10) This section is repealed June 30, 2007.

19 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

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23 And the title is amended as follows:

24 Delete everything before the enacting clause

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26 and insert:

27 A bill to be entitled

28 An act relating to agency inspectors general;

29 creating s. 14.325, F.S.; providing

30 definitions; providing legislative intent;

31 creating the Council on State Agency Inspectors

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1 General; providing for the purpose and
2 membership of the council; providing duties and
3 responsibilities of the council; requiring the
4 council to hold meetings at least monthly;
5 authorizing the council to develop
6 recommendations relating to inspector general
7 investigations; providing minimum requirements
8 for the recommendations developed by the
9 council; providing administrative support for
10 the council; requiring the council to issue a
11 report on its findings; providing for repeal;
12 providing an effective date.

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