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2 An act relating to agency inspectors general;
3 creating s. 14.325, F.S.; providing
4 definitions; providing legislative intent;
5 creating the Council on State Agency Inspectors
6 General; providing for the purpose and
7 membership of the council; providing duties and
8 responsibilities of the council; requiring the
9 council to hold meetings at least monthly;
10 authorizing the council to develop
11 recommendations relating to inspector general
12 investigations; providing minimum requirements
13 for the recommendations developed by the
14 council; providing administrative support for
15 the council; requiring the council to issue a
16 report on its findings; providing for repeal;
17 providing an effective date.

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

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

23 14.325 Council on State Agency Inspectors General.--

24 (1) For purposes of this section:

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

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

29 (2) To enhance public trust in government and provide
30 leadership in the promotion of accountability and integrity in
31 state agencies, there is created the Council on State

1 Inspectors General in the Office of Chief Inspector General
2 within the Executive Office of the Governor.

3 (3) The council shall consist of five members:

4 (a) The Chief Inspector General, who shall serve as
5 chair.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 (c) Provide a hearing process entitling entities
28 contracting with state agencies and individuals substantially
29 affected by the findings, conclusions, or recommendations with
30 an opportunity to present to the Chief Inspector General any
31 additional material relevant to the state agency inspector

1 general's final report. The review process must permit the
2 Chief Inspector General to independently investigate the state
3 agency inspector general's report and the original
4 investigation.

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

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

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

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

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