

By Senator Aronberg

27-00459D-10

20101020__

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to agency inspectors general; amending
3 s. 20.055, F.S.; providing that an agency inspector
4 general may be appointed by the agency head after 14
5 days notice, in writing, to the Governor; providing
6 that an agency inspector general may be removed for
7 good cause shown by the agency head with the approval
8 of the Governor or a majority vote of the Cabinet;
9 requiring the Legislature to establish a line item
10 category for the inspector general for each state
11 agency describing the designated use of the
12 appropriated funds as provided in the General
13 Appropriations Act; providing an effective date.

14
15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

16
17 Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 20.055, Florida
18 Statutes, is amended to read:

19 20.055 Agency inspectors general.—

20 (3) (a) The inspector general shall be appointed by the
21 agency head. For agencies under the direction of the Governor,
22 the appointment shall be made after notifying the Governor and
23 the Chief Inspector General in writing, at least 14 ~~7~~ days
24 before ~~prior to~~ an offer of employment, of the agency head's
25 intention to hire the inspector general.

26 (b) Each inspector general shall serve at the pleasure of,
27 report to, and be under the general supervision of the agency
28 head and is ~~shall~~ not be subject to supervision by any other
29 employee of the state agency. The inspector general shall be

27-00459D-10

20101020__

30 appointed without regard to political affiliation.

31 (c) An inspector general may be removed from office by the
32 agency head, for just cause shown, with the approval of the
33 Governor or a majority vote of the Cabinet. For agencies under
34 the direction of the Governor, the agency head shall notify the
35 Governor and the Chief Inspector General, in writing, of the
36 intention to terminate the inspector general at least 14 7 days
37 prior to the removal. For state agencies under the direction of
38 the Governor and Cabinet or a cabinet officer, the agency head
39 shall notify the Governor and Cabinet in writing of the
40 intention to terminate the inspector general at least 14 7 days
41 before ~~prior to~~ the removal.

42 (d) The agency head or agency staff shall not prevent or
43 prohibit the inspector general from initiating, carrying out, or
44 completing any audit or investigation.

45 (e) In order to ensure that the expenditure of funds
46 appropriated to the office of an inspector general will be used
47 for the purposes intended by the Legislature, the Legislature
48 shall establish line item categories for the inspector general
49 for each state agency describing the designated use of the
50 appropriated funds as provided in the General Appropriations
51 Act.

52 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.