

By the Committee on General Government Appropriations; and  
Senator Aronberg

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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 each state agency to include in its  
10          legislative budget request for the 2011-2012 fiscal  
11          year the transfer of positions and funding for the  
12          inspector general's office to a new and separate  
13          budget entity within the respective agency; providing  
14          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. Subsection (3) of section 20.055, Florida  
19           Statutes, is amended to read:

20           20.055 Agency inspectors general.—

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

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

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30 employee of the state agency. The inspector general shall be  
31 appointed without regard to political affiliation.

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

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

46 (e) In order to ensure that the expenditure of funds  
47 appropriated to the office of an inspector general will be used  
48 for the purposes intended by the Legislature, each state agency  
49 shall include in its legislative budget request for the 2011-  
50 2012 fiscal year the transfer of positions and funding for the  
51 inspector general's office to a new and separate budget entity  
52 within the respective agency.

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