

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

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

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

18 20.055 Agency inspectors general.—

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

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

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29 appointed without regard to political affiliation.

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

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

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

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