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2 An act relating to agency inspectors general; amending
3 s. 20.055, F.S.; prohibiting an agency from offering a
4 bonus on work performance in an inspector general
5 contract or agreement; amending s. 420.506, F.S.;
6 prohibiting the Florida Housing Finance Corporation
7 from offering a bonus on work performance in an
8 inspector general contract or agreement; providing an
9 effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section
14 20.055, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

15 20.055 Agency inspectors general.—

16 (3)(a)1. For state agencies under the jurisdiction of the
17 Cabinet or the Governor and Cabinet, the inspector general shall
18 be appointed by the agency head. For state agencies under the
19 jurisdiction of the Governor, the inspector general shall be
20 appointed by the Chief Inspector General. The agency head or
21 Chief Inspector General shall notify the Governor in writing of
22 his or her intention to hire the inspector general at least 7
23 days before an offer of employment. The inspector general shall
24 be appointed without regard to political affiliation.

25 2. Within 60 days after a vacancy or anticipated vacancy

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26 | in the position of inspector general, the agency head or, for
 27 | agencies under the jurisdiction of the Governor, the Chief
 28 | Inspector General, shall initiate a national search for an
 29 | inspector general and shall set the salary of the inspector
 30 | general. Effective July 1, 2017, an agency that enters into an
 31 | employment agreement, or renewal or renegotiation of an existing
 32 | contract or employment agreement with an inspector general or
 33 | deputy inspector, may not offer a bonus on work performance in
 34 | the contract or agreement and the awarding of such bonuses is
 35 | prohibited. In the event of a vacancy in the position of
 36 | inspector general, the agency head or, for agencies under the
 37 | jurisdiction of the Governor, the Chief Inspector General, may
 38 | appoint other office of inspector general management personnel
 39 | as interim inspector general until such time as a successor
 40 | inspector general is appointed.

41 | 3. A former or current elected official may not be
 42 | appointed inspector general within 5 years after the end of such
 43 | individual's period of service. This restriction does not
 44 | prohibit the reappointment of a current inspector general.

45 | Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 420.506, Florida
 46 | Statutes, is amended to read:

47 | 420.506 Executive director; agents and employees;
 48 | inspector general.—

49 | (2) (a) The appointment and removal of an inspector general
 50 | shall be by the executive director, with the advice and consent

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51 of the corporation's board of directors. The corporation's
52 inspector general shall perform for the corporation the
53 functions set forth in s. 20.055. The inspector general shall
54 administratively report to the executive director. The inspector
55 general shall meet the minimum qualifications as set forth in s.
56 20.055(4). The corporation may establish additional
57 qualifications deemed necessary by the board of directors to
58 meet the unique needs of the corporation. The inspector general
59 shall be responsible for coordinating the responsibilities set
60 forth in s. 420.0006.

61 (b) Effective July 1, 2017, if the corporation enters into
62 an employment agreement, or renewal or renegotiation of an
63 existing contract or employment agreement with an inspector
64 general or deputy inspector, the corporation may not offer a
65 bonus on work performance in the contract or agreement and the
66 awarding of such bonuses is prohibited.

67 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.