

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the Office of Inspector General of
 3 the Board of Governors of the State University System;
 4 amending s. 20.155, F.S.; authorizing the Office of
 5 Inspector General to issue and serve subpoenas duces
 6 tecum for specified purposes and require or allow
 7 certain persons to file specified statements;
 8 authorizing the office to petition certain courts for
 9 specified purposes; providing an 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. Subsection (5) of section 20.155, Florida
 14 Statutes, is amended to read:

15 20.155 Board of Governors of the State University System.—

16 (5) (a) OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL.—An Office of Inspector
 17 General shall be organized using existing resources and funds to
 18 promote accountability, efficiency, and effectiveness and to
 19 detect fraud and abuse within state universities. If the Board
 20 of Governors determines that a state university board of
 21 trustees is unwilling or unable to address substantiated
 22 allegations made by any person relating to waste, fraud, or
 23 financial mismanagement, the office shall conduct, coordinate,
 24 or request investigations into substantiated allegations made by
 25 any person relating to waste, fraud, or financial mismanagement

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26 | within a state university. The office shall have access to all
27 | information and personnel necessary to perform its duties and
28 | shall have all of its current powers, duties, and
29 | responsibilities authorized in s. 20.055.

30 | (b)1. In exercising authority under this subsection, the
31 | Office of Inspector General or his or her designee may:

32 | a. Issue and serve subpoenas duces tecum for the Board of
33 | Governors or the state universities in the State University
34 | System to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production
35 | of documents, reports, answers, records, accounts, and other
36 | data in any medium.

37 | b. Require or allow a person to file a statement in
38 | writing, under oath or otherwise, as to all the facts and
39 | circumstances concerning the matter to be audited, examined, or
40 | investigated.

41 | 2. In the event of noncompliance with a subpoena issued
42 | under this paragraph, the Inspector General may petition the
43 | circuit court of the county in which the person subpoenaed
44 | resides or has his or her principal place of business for an
45 | order requiring the subpoenaed person to appear and testify and
46 | to produce documents, reports, answers, records, accounts, or
47 | other data as specified in the subpoena.

48 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.