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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 26, 2002

AN ACT

1 Requiring public notice of certain real property purchases by
2 the Commonwealth; and providing for a right of certain public
3 officials to examine and review Inspector General reports.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the State
8 Government Accountability Act.

9 Section 2. Notice of real property purchase.

10 Whenever an agency of State Government intends to enter into
11 a contract to purchase real property valued at more than
12 \$100,000, the agency shall first publish a description of the
13 project and proposed criteria for the selection of real estate
14 in the Pennsylvania Bulletin at least 30 days before any
15 contract is signed or a specific property is selected.

16 Section 3. Right to examine and review Inspector General

1 reports.

2 (a) General rule.--Upon request, the Attorney General,
3 Auditor General and State Treasurer shall have the right to
4 examine and review all reports prepared by the Inspector General
5 on State programs or contracts when the Attorney General
6 conducts a criminal investigation on relevant programs or
7 contracts or when the Auditor General or State Treasurer
8 exercise their official duties under the act of April 9, 1929
9 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code.

10 (b) Temporary delay of release of report.--The Inspector
11 General may temporarily delay the releasing of a report up to 30
12 days from the date of the request of the Attorney General,
13 Auditor General or State Treasurer under subsection (a) for the
14 purpose of deleting the names of confidential informants or
15 protecting an ongoing criminal investigation or prosecution
16 conducted by Federal, State or local government agencies.
17 Section 4. Effective date.

18 This act shall take effect in 60 days.