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BARTOLOTTA, JANUARY 17, 2020

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 17, 2020

AN ACT

1 Providing for a pilot program to increase the complement of
2 Office of Inspector General employees and for report to the
3 General Assembly.

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

6 Section 1. Complement of Office of Inspector General.

7 (a) General rule.--Subject to sufficient funds being
8 appropriated, the Office of Inspector General shall implement
9 and administer a pilot program to increase the complement of
10 Office of Inspector General employees to investigate fraud,
11 waste, misconduct and abuse claims from the Department of Human
12 Services and the Department of Health for a period of not less
13 than two years. The additional employees shall be hired within
14 six months of the effective date of this section.

15 (b) Number of additional employees.--The number of new
16 employees hired under subsection (a) shall be sufficient to
17 increase the total complement of employees in the Office of
18 Inspector General on March 31, 2019, by at least 50%.

1 Section 2. Report to General Assembly.

2 (1) Not later than one year after all of the additional
3 employees are hired under section 1, the Office of Inspector
4 General shall submit a written report to the Appropriations
5 Committee of the Senate, the Health and Human Services
6 Committee of the Senate, the Appropriations Committee of the
7 House of Representatives and the Human Services Committee of
8 the House of Representatives. The report shall include:

9 (i) The number of total investigations completed by
10 the Office of Inspector General, including a breakdown
11 by:

12 (A) New versus prior employees.

13 (B) Prepilot program versus one year into the
14 pilot program.

15 (ii) The dollar amount of recovery and costs
16 avoidance per employee, including a breakdown by:

17 (A) New versus prior employees.

18 (B) Prepilot program versus one year into the
19 pilot program.

20 (iii) The number of investigations filed with the
21 Office of Inspector General that were not completed,
22 including a breakdown by:

23 (A) New versus prior employees.

24 (B) Prepilot program versus one year into the
25 pilot program.

26 (iv) The additional salary and other costs
27 associated with each new employee.

28 (v) The total cost to implement and administer the
29 pilot program.

30 (vi) Any additional cost-saving efforts initiated by

1 the Office of Inspector General as a result of additional
2 employees.

3 (2) The report shall be a public record under the act of
4 February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the Right-to-Know
5 Law.

6 Section 3. Effective date.

7 This act shall take effect immediately.