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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

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STEFANO, FEBRUARY 27, 2017

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REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 27, 2017

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AN ACT

1 Providing for the complement of Office of Inspector General and  
2 for report to the General Assembly.

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

5 Section 1. Complement of Office of Inspector General.

6 (a) General rule.--Subject to sufficient funds being  
7 appropriated, the Office of Inspector General established by  
8 Executive Order of the Governor shall hire additional employees  
9 and the employees shall, for a period of not less than two  
10 years, investigate fraud, waste, misconduct and abuse claims  
11 from the Department of Human Services and the Department of  
12 Health.

13 (b) Number of additional employees.--The number of new  
14 employees hired under subsection (a) shall be sufficient to  
15 increase by at least 50% the total complement of employees in  
16 the Office of Inspector General on March 31, 2017.

17 Section 2. Report to General Assembly.

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

8           (i) The number of total investigations addressed by  
9 the Office of Inspector General, including a breakdown by  
10 new and prior employees.

11           (ii) The dollar amount of recovery/cost avoidance  
12 per employee, including a breakdown by new and prior  
13 employees.

14           (iii) The number of investigations filed with the  
15 Office of Inspector General that were not addressed.

16           (iv) Any additional cost-saving efforts initiated by  
17 the Office of Inspector General as a result of additional  
18 employees.

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

22 Section 3. Effective date.

23 This act shall take effect immediately.