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REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 4, 2021

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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. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Office of  
8 Inspector General Complement Increase Act.

9 Section 2. Complement of Office of Inspector General.

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

18 (b) Number of additional employees.--The number of new

1 employees hired under subsection (a) shall be sufficient to  
2 increase the total complement of employees in the Office of  
3 Inspector General on March 31, 2019, by at least 50%.

4 Section 3. Report to General Assembly.

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

12 (i) The number of total investigations completed by  
13 the Office of Inspector General, including a breakdown  
14 by:

15 (A) New versus prior employees.

16 (B) Pre-pilot program versus one year into the  
17 pilot program.

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

20 (A) New versus prior employees.

21 (B) Pre-pilot program versus one year into the  
22 pilot program.

23 (iii) The number of investigations filed with the  
24 Office of Inspector General that were not completed,  
25 including a breakdown by:

26 (A) New versus prior employees.

27 (B) Pre-pilot program versus one year into the  
28 pilot program.

29 (iv) The additional salary and other costs  
30 associated with each new employee.

1           (v) The total cost to implement and administer the  
2 pilot program.

3           (vi) Any additional cost-saving efforts initiated by  
4 the Office of Inspector General as a result of additional  
5 employees.

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

9 Section 4. Effective date.

10 This act shall take effect immediately.