THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL No. 241 Session of 2023

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REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 31, 2023

AN ACT

1 2 3	Providing for a pilot program to increase the complement of Office of Inspector General employees and for report to the 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 ruleSubject 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 subsection.
18	(b) Number of additional employeesThe number of new

employees hired under subsection (a) shall be sufficient to
 increase the total complement of employees in the Office of
 Inspector General on January 31, 2023, by at least 50%.
 Section 3. Report to General Assembly.

5 The following shall apply:

6 (1) Not later than one year after all of the additional 7 employees are hired under section 1, the Office of Inspector 8 General shall submit a written report to the Appropriations 9 Committee of the Senate, the Appropriations Committee of the 10 House of Representatives, the Health and Human Services 11 Committee of the Senate and the Human Services Committee of 12 the House of Representatives. The report shall include:

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

16 (A) New versus prior employees.

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17 (B) Pre-pilot program versus one year into the18 pilot program.

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

(B) Pre-pilot program versus one year into thepilot program.

New versus prior employees.

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

27 (A) New versus prior employees.
28 (B) Pre-pilot program versus one year into the
29 pilot program.

30 (iv) The additional salary and other costs 20230SB0241PN0206 - 2 - 1 associated with each new employee.

2 (v) The total cost to implement and administer the3 pilot program.

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

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

10 Section 4. Effective date.

11 This act shall take effect immediately.