

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DOC 2/25/2020

LRB Number	19-1366/1	Introduction Number	SB-742	Estimate Type	Original
Description creating a legislative office of inspector general and making an appropriation					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill would create the Legislative Office of Inspector General, a legislative service agency. The Legislative Office of Inspector General would consist of 14 inspectors general and their staff, who would be assigned to and housed at the headquarters of certain state agencies, including the Department of Corrections (DOC). Each inspector general would be appointed for a 6-year term by the Joint Committee on Legislative Organization.

Under this bill, the inspector general assigned to the DOC would be required to investigate fraud and waste, abuse, or inefficiency in DOC programs or activities. Before the DOC may expend on its activities and programs any money saved as a result of the inspector general's investigations, the DOC must first use these savings to pay all costs incurred by the inspector general in carrying out the investigations. In investigating waste, abuse, or inefficiency in the DOC's programs, the inspector general must endeavor to identify savings for the DOC that would pay at least the costs incurred by the inspector general in carrying out the investigation.

This bill requires the DOC to provide office space at its agency headquarters for the inspector general assigned to the DOC and for his or her staff. The DOC would also be required to pay for all services provided by the inspector general.

The DOC is unable to estimate the state fiscal effect of this bill because it cannot estimate the savings that would result from investigations carried out by the inspector general and the cost of services provided by the inspector general.

Assuming the DOC's Central Office has enough office space available for the inspector general and his or her staff, and that other DOC facilities can accommodate the inspector general and his or her staff as needed in the course of investigations, this bill would not increase the DOC's rent costs.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications