

Fiscal Estimate - 2015 Session

Original
 Updated
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 Supplemental

LRB Number 15-3192/1	Introduction Number SB-368
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Description
 Creating a legislative office of inspector general and making appropriations

Fiscal Effect

State:

No State Fiscal Effect
 Indeterminate

<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
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Local:

No Local Government Costs
 Indeterminate

1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
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Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives
DPI 11/10/2015

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill creates a nonpartisan, legislative service agency known as the "Legislative Office of Inspector General," consisting of 13 inspectors general and their staff who are assigned to and housed at the headquarters of certain state agencies including the Department of Public Instruction (DPI). Each inspector general would be appointed for a 6-year term by the Joint Committee on Legislative Organization.

This bill requires the DPI to provide office space at its agency headquarters for the inspector general and their staff. The DPI does not have an office or cubicles available for the inspector general or their staff. The one-time cost for the build out of an office would be \$25,000 GPR and the cost of cubicles would be \$5,000 GPR per cubicle.

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

The DPI is unable to estimate the ongoing state fiscal effect of this bill because it cannot estimate the savings that would result from investigations carried out by the inspector general. This bill requires the DPI to pay for all services provided by the inspectors general. This bill also requires that an inspector general must at all times with or without notice have access to any books, records, or other documents maintained by the agency relating to its expenditures, revenues, operations, and structure. DPI would essentially be required to provide staff resources to the inspector general "with or without notice" to assist with investigations redirecting work from current duties under this bill.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications