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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE	ACTION
ADOPTED	(Y/N)
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FAILED TO ADOPT	(Y/N)
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OTHER	

Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Appropriations Committee Representative Raulerson offered the following:

Amendment

Remove lines 139-296 and insert:

6 (b) The inspector general shall report to and be under the 7 general supervision of the agency head and is not subject to 8 supervision by any other employee of the state agency in which 9 the office is established. For state agencies under the 10 jurisdiction of the Governor, the inspector general shall be 11 under the general supervision of the agency head <u>for</u> 12 <u>administrative purposes</u>, shall report to the Chief Inspector 13 General, and may hire and remove staff within the office of the 14 inspector general in consultation with the Chief Inspector 15 General but independently of the agency.

16 (c) For state agencies under the jurisdiction of the17 Cabinet or the Governor and Cabinet, the inspector general may

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18 be removed from office by the agency head. For state agencies 19 under the jurisdiction of the Governor, the inspector general 20 may only be removed from office by the Chief Inspector General 21 for cause, including concerns regarding performance, 22 malfeasance, misfeasance, misconduct, or failure to carry out 23 his or her duties under this section. The Chief Inspector 24 General shall notify the Governor in writing of his or her 25 intention to remove the inspector general at least 21 days before the removal. For state agencies under the jurisdiction of 26 27 the Governor and Cabinet, the agency head shall notify the Governor and Cabinet in writing of his or her intention to 28 29 remove the inspector general at least 21 days before the 30 removal. If the inspector general disagrees with the removal, the inspector general may present objections in writing to the 31 32 Governor within the 21-day period.

33 (d) The Governor, the Governor and Cabinet, the agency 34 head, or agency staff may not prevent or prohibit the inspector 35 general from initiating, carrying out, or completing any audit 36 or investigation.

37 (4) (a) To ensure that state agency audits are performed in 38 accordance with applicable auditing standards, the inspector 39 general or the director of auditing within the inspector 40 general's office shall possess the following qualifications:

41 <u>1.(a)</u> A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or
42 university with a major in accounting, or with a major in
43 business which includes five courses in accounting, and 5 years

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44	of experience as an internal auditor or independent postauditor,
45	electronic data processing auditor, accountant, or any
46	combination thereof. The experience shall at a minimum consist
47	of audits of units of government or private business
48	enterprises, operating for profit or not for profit; or
49	2.(b) A master's degree in accounting, business
50	administration, or public administration from an accredited
51	college or university and 4 years of experience as required in
52	subparagraph 1. paragraph (a) ; or
53	3.(c) A certified public accountant license issued
54	pursuant to chapter 473 or a certified internal audit
55	certificate issued by the Institute of Internal Auditors or
56	earned by examination, and 4 years of experience as required in
57	paragraph (a).
58	(b) For agencies under the jurisdiction of the Governor,
59	the inspector general shall be selected on the basis of
60	integrity, leadership capability, and experience in accounting,
61	auditing, financial analysis, law, management analysis, program
62	evaluation, public administration, investigation, criminal
63	justice administration, or other closely related field. The
64	inspector general is subject to a level 2 background screening
65	pursuant to chapter 435. The inspector general shall have a 4-
66	year degree from an accredited institution of higher learning or
67	have at least 5 years of experience in at least one of the
68	following areas:
69	1. Inspector general.
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70	2. Supervisory experience in an office of inspector
71	general or an investigative public agency similar to an office
72	of inspector general.
73	3. Local, state, or federal law enforcement officer.
74	4. Local, state, or federal court judge.
75	5. Senior-level auditor or comptroller.
76	6. The administration and management of complex audits and
77	investigations.
78	7. Managing programs for prevention, examination,
79	detection, elimination of fraud, waste, abuse, mismanagement,
80	malfeasance, or misconduct in government or other organizations.
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82	An advanced degree in law, accounting, public administration, or
83	other relevant field may substitute for 1 year of required
84	experience.
85	(c) The inspector general shall possess at appointment, or
86	obtain within the first year after appointment, a certification
87	from the Association of Inspectors General as a certified
88	inspector general. The inspector general must have one or more
89	other professional certifications, such as certified inspector
90	general investigator, certified inspector general auditor,
91	certified public accountant, certified internal auditor,
92	certified governmental financial manager, or certified fraud
93	examiner, certified financial crimes investigator or other
94	related certification, or be a licensed attorney.

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95	(d) The inspector general may not hold, or be a candidate	
96	for, an elective office with the state or any municipality,	
97	county, or other political subdivision of the state while	
98	inspector general, and a current officer or employee of an	
99	office of inspector general may not hold, or be a candidate for,	
100	an elective office with the state or any municipality, county,	
101	or other political subdivision of the state. The inspector	
102	general may not hold office in a political party or political	
103	committee. An employee of an office of inspector general may not	
104	hold office in a political party or political committee while	
105	employed in the office of inspector general.	
106	(5) The inspector general and the staff shall have access	
107	to any records, data, and other information of the state agency	
108	that he or she deems necessary to carry out his or her duties.	
109	The inspector general, at all times, shall have access to a	
110	building or facility that is owned, operated, or leased by a	
111	department, agency, board, or commission, or a property held in	
112	trust to the state if the inspector general deems such access	
113	necessary to carry out his or her duties. The inspector general	
114	may also request such information or assistance as may be	
115	necessary from the state agency or from any federal, state, or	
116	local government entity.	
117	(6) It shall be the duty of every state officer, employee,	
118	agency, special district, board, commission, contractor, and	
119	subcontractor to cooperate with the inspector general in any	
120	investigation, audit, inspection, review, or hearing pursuant to	
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121 this section. Beginning July 1, 2015, each contract, bid, 122 proposal, and application or solicitation for a contract shall 123 contain a statement that the corporation, partnership, or person 124 understands and will abide by this subparagraph.

125 (7) (5) In carrying out the auditing duties and 126 responsibilities of this act, each inspector general shall 127 review and evaluate internal controls necessary to ensure the 128 fiscal accountability of the state agency. The inspector general 129 shall conduct financial, compliance, electronic data processing, 130 and performance audits of the agency and prepare audit reports 131 of his or her findings. The scope and assignment of the audits 132 shall be determined by the inspector general; however, the 133 agency head may at any time request the inspector general to 134 perform an audit of a special program, function, or 135 organizational unit. The performance of the audit shall be under 136 the direction of the inspector general, except that if the 137 inspector general does not possess the qualifications specified in subsection (4), the director of auditing shall perform the 138 functions listed in this subsection. 139

140 Such audits shall be conducted in accordance with the (a) current International Standards for the Professional Practice of 141 Internal Auditing as published by the Institute of Internal 142 143 Auditors, Inc., or, where appropriate, in accordance with 144 generally accepted governmental auditing standards. All audit 145 reports issued by internal audit staff shall include a statement

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146 that the audit was conducted pursuant to the appropriate 147 standards.

148 (b) Audit workpapers and reports shall be public records 149 to the extent that they do not include information which has 150 been made confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 151 119.07(1) pursuant to law. However, when the inspector general 152 or a member of the staff receives from an individual a complaint 153 or information that falls within the definition provided in s. 154 112.3187(5), the name or identity of the individual may not be 155 disclosed to anyone else without the written consent of the 156 individual, unless the inspector general determines that such 157 disclosure is unavoidable during the course of the audit or 158 investigation.

(c) The inspector general and the staff shall have access to any records, data, and other information of the state agency he or she deems necessary to carry out his or her duties. The inspector general may also request such information or assistance as may be necessary from the state agency or from any federal, state, or local government entity.

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