

By Senator Martin

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Board of Governors of the State
3 University System; amending s. 20.155, F.S.; granting
4 the Office of the Inspector General of the Board of
5 Governors additional authority to take certain actions
6 in carrying out its duties; providing an effective
7 date.

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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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11 Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 20.155, Florida
12 Statutes, is amended to read:

13 20.155 Board of Governors of the State University System.—

14 (5) OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL.—An Office of Inspector
15 General shall be organized using existing resources and funds to
16 promote accountability, efficiency, and effectiveness and to
17 detect fraud and abuse within state universities.

18 (a) If the Board of Governors determines that a state
19 university board of trustees is unwilling or unable to address
20 substantiated allegations made by any person relating to waste,
21 fraud, or financial mismanagement, the office must ~~shall~~
22 conduct, coordinate, or request investigations into
23 substantiated allegations made by any person relating to waste,
24 fraud, or financial mismanagement within a state university. The
25 office shall have access to all information and personnel
26 necessary to perform its duties and shall have all of its
27 current powers, duties, and responsibilities authorized in s.
28 20.055.

29 (b) In exercising its authority under this section, the

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30 office may do any of the following:

31 1. Issue and serve subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum, for
32 the Board of Governors or universities under the jurisdiction of
33 the State University System, to compel the appearance of
34 witnesses and the production of documents, reports, answers,
35 records, accounts, and other data in any medium.

36 2. Require or authorize a person to file a written
37 statement, under oath if required, as to all the facts and
38 circumstances concerning the matter to be audited, examined, or
39 investigated.

40 (c) In the event of noncompliance with a subpoena issued
41 under paragraph (b), the office may petition the circuit court
42 of the county in which the person subpoenaed resides or has his
43 or her principal place of business for an order requiring the
44 subpoenaed person to appear and testify and to produce
45 documents, reports, answers, records, accounts, or other data as
46 specified in the subpoena.

47 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.