

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The State Officials and Employees Ethics Act is
5 amended by changing Section 25-20 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 430/25-20)

7 Sec. 25-20. Duties of the Legislative Inspector General. In
8 addition to duties otherwise assigned by law, the Legislative
9 Inspector General shall have the following duties:

10 (1) To receive and investigate allegations of
11 violations of this Act. Except as otherwise provided in
12 paragraph (1.5), an ~~An~~ investigation may not be initiated
13 more than one year after the most recent act of the alleged
14 violation or of a series of alleged violations except where
15 there is reasonable cause to believe that fraudulent
16 concealment has occurred. To constitute fraudulent
17 concealment sufficient to toll this limitations period,
18 there must be an affirmative act or representation
19 calculated to prevent discovery of the fact that a
20 violation has occurred. The Legislative Inspector General
21 shall have the discretion to determine the appropriate
22 means of investigation as permitted by law.

23 (1.5) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the

1 contrary, the Legislative Inspector General, whether
2 appointed by the Legislative Ethics Commission or the
3 General Assembly, may initiate an investigation based on
4 information provided to the Office of the Legislative
5 Inspector General or the Legislative Ethics Commission
6 during the period from December 1, 2014 through November 3,
7 2017. Any investigation initiated under this paragraph
8 (1.5) must be initiated within one year after the effective
9 date of this amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly.

10 (2) To request information relating to an
11 investigation from any person when the Legislative
12 Inspector General deems that information necessary in
13 conducting an investigation.

14 (3) To issue subpoenas, with the advance approval of
15 the Commission, to compel the attendance of witnesses for
16 the purposes of testimony and production of documents and
17 other items for inspection and copying and to make service
18 of those subpoenas and subpoenas issued under item (7) of
19 Section 25-15.

20 (4) To submit reports as required by this Act.

21 (5) To file pleadings in the name of the Legislative
22 Inspector General with the Legislative Ethics Commission,
23 through the Attorney General, as provided in this Article
24 if the Attorney General finds that reasonable cause exists
25 to believe that a violation has occurred.

26 (6) To assist and coordinate the ethics officers for

1 State agencies under the jurisdiction of the Legislative
2 Inspector General and to work with those ethics officers.

3 (7) To participate in or conduct, when appropriate,
4 multi-jurisdictional investigations.

5 (8) To request, as the Legislative Inspector General
6 deems appropriate, from ethics officers of State agencies
7 under his or her jurisdiction, reports or information on
8 (i) the content of a State agency's ethics training program
9 and (ii) the percentage of new officers and employees who
10 have completed ethics training.

11 (9) To establish a policy that ensures the appropriate
12 handling and correct recording of all investigations of
13 allegations and to ensure that the policy is accessible via
14 the Internet in order that those seeking to report those
15 allegations are familiar with the process and that the
16 subjects of those allegations are treated fairly.

17 (Source: P.A. 96-555, eff. 8-18-09.)

18 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
19 becoming law.