100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2017 and 2018

HB2789

by Rep. Fred Crespo

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

5 ILCS 430/20-70

Amends the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act. Provides that if an officer or employee objects to a request for information by an Executive Inspector General based on any applicable rights or protections under State or federal law, the officer or employee may seek resolution of the objection by the Executive Ethics Commission. Provides that if an officer or employee refuses or fails to provide information requested by an Executive Inspector General, the Executive Inspector General may notify the Executive Ethics Commission and seek an order compelling the officer or employee to produce the information requested by the Executive Inspector General.

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A BILL FOR

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AN ACT concerning government.

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

Section 5. The State Officials and Employees Ethics Act is
amended by changing Section 20-70 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 430/20-70)

7 Sec. 20-70. Cooperation in investigations.

8 (a) It is the duty of every officer and employee under the 9 jurisdiction of an Executive Inspector General, including any 10 inspector general serving in any State agency under the jurisdiction of that Executive Inspector General, to cooperate 11 with the Executive Inspector General and the Attorney General 12 in any investigation undertaken pursuant to this Act. Failure 13 14 to cooperate includes, but is not limited to, intentional omissions and knowing false statements. Failure to cooperate 15 16 with an investigation of the Executive Inspector General or the 17 Attorney General is grounds for disciplinary action, including dismissal. Nothing in this Section limits or alters a person's 18 19 existing rights or protections under State or federal law.

20 <u>(b) If an officer or employee objects to a request for</u> 21 <u>information by an Executive Inspector General based on any</u> 22 <u>applicable rights or protections under State or federal law,</u> 23 <u>the officer or employee may seek resolution of the objection by</u> HB2789 - 2 - LRB100 10251 RJF 20434 b

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3	Executive Inspector General, the Executive Inspector General
4	may notify the Executive Ethics Commission and seek an order
5	compelling the officer or employee to produce the information
6	requested by the Executive Inspector General.
7	(Source: P.A. 96-555, eff. 8-18-09.)