151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**HOUSE BILL NO. 405**
SPONSOR:	**Representative Kowalko**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL.**

Assumptions:

1. This Act becomes effective upon signature by the Governor.
2. This Act establishes the Office of the Inspector General (OIG). The OIG will investigate the recovery of misspent funds, investigate the management of state agencies to determine waste, fraud, abuse, corruption, and other conduct that is harmful to the public interest.
3. The OIG is to hire a Deputy Inspector General and qualified staff with experience in areas such as investigation, law enforcement, auditing, and government evaluation.
4. Within three years of hire, investigative staff from the OIG are required to be certified by the Association of Inspectors General in at least one of the following areas: Investigation, Auditing, and/or Evaluation.
5. The OIG may also contract for services, including legal counsel.
6. Duties and responsibilities of the Inspector General are effective as of March 1, 2023. Funding for the OIG, including the timeline for hiring of necessary staff has been adjusted accordingly.
    a. For Fiscal Year 2023 a total of $457,038 which includes:
        i. $255,538 - Personnel Costs for 7.0 FTEs including 1.0 Inspector General, 1.0 Deputy Inspector General, 1.0 Investigator Supervisor, 1.0 Investigator, 1.0 Management Analyst, 1.0 Fiscal Administrative Officer, and 1.0 Administrative Assistant.
        ii. $101,500 – Operating Costs (Rent, Legal, Capital, Misc.).
        iii. $100,000 – One-Time Costs (start-up).
    b. For Fiscal Year 2024, a total of $1,095,175 which includes:
        i. $906,175 – Personnel Costs for 10.0 FTEs, including the 7.0 FTEs previously authorized, plus 2.0 Investigator and 1.0 Management Analyst.
        ii. $189,000 – Operating Costs (Rent, Legal, Capital, Misc.).
    c. For Fiscal Year 2025, a total of $1,152,717 which includes:
        i. $963,717 – Personnel Costs annualized for all 10.0 FTEs.
        ii. $189,000 – Operating Costs (Rent, Legal, Capital, Misc.).

Cost

	On-Going	One-Time
Fiscal Year 2023	$ 357,038	$100,000
Fiscal Year 2024	$1,095,175	
Fiscal Year 2025	$1,152,717	

Prepared by Robert Scoglietti
Office of the Controller General