



**151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL NOTE**

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| <b>BILL:</b>        | <b>HOUSE BILL NO. 370</b>                                                                                |
| <b>SPONSOR:</b>     | <b>Representative Michael Smith</b>                                                                      |
| <b>DESCRIPTION:</b> | <b>AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF STATE INSPECTOR GENERAL.</b> |

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**Assumptions:**

1. This Act is effective upon signature of the Governor. Provisions of the Act are effective 180 days after enactment and after a specific appropriation of funds for the purposes contained in the Act.
2. This Act establishes the Office of the Inspector General (OIG). The OIG is charged with investigating complaints of waste, fraud, abuse or corruption regarding state employees or state agencies.
3. The OIG may hire certified police officers that comply with the minimum training and certification standards of the Council on Police Training.
4. Duties and responsibilities of the Inspector General are effective as of 180 days after enactment. Funding for the OIG, including the timeline for hiring of necessary staff has been adjusted accordingly.
  - a. For Fiscal Year 2023 a total of \$578,205 which includes:
    - i. \$403,705 - Personnel Costs for 6.0 FTEs including 1.0 Inspector General, 1.0 Deputy Inspector General, 1.0 Investigator Supervisor, 2.0 Investigator, 1.0 Fiscal Administrative Officer, and 1.0 Administrative Assistant.
    - ii. \$99,500 – Operating Costs (Rent, Legal, Capital, Misc.).
    - iii. \$75,000 – One-Time Costs (start-up).
  - b. For Fiscal Year 2024, a total of \$1,035,325 which includes:
    - i. \$846,325 – Personnel Costs for 8.0 FTEs, including the 6.0 FTEs previously authorized, plus 1.0 Investigator and 1.0 Investigator Supervisor.
    - ii. \$189,000 – Operating Costs (Rent, Legal, Capital, Misc.).
  - c. For Fiscal Year 2025, a total of \$1,056,919 which includes:
    - i. \$867,919 – Personnel Costs annualized for all 8.0 FTEs.
    - ii. \$189,000 – Operating Costs (Rent, Legal, Capital, Misc.).

**Cost:**

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| Fiscal Year 2023: | \$ 578,205  |
| Fiscal Year 2024: | \$1,035,325 |
| Fiscal Year 2025: | \$1,056,919 |

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