152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**SENATE BILL NO. 21**
SPONSOR:	**Senator Sturgeon**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL.**

Assumptions:

1. This Act becomes effective upon signature by the Governor. The duties of the Inspector General established by the Act are effective upon the earlier of their appointment or March 1, 2025.
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 and technical experts.
6. Duties and responsibilities of the Inspector General are effective the earlier of the appointment of the OIG or March 1, 2025. Funding for the OIG, including the timeline for hiring of necessary staff has been adjusted accordingly.
    a. For Fiscal Year 2025 a total of $540,081 which includes:
        i. $331,081 - Personnel Costs for 7.0 FTEs including 1.0 Inspector General, 1.0 Deputy Inspector General, 1.0 Deputy Attorney General V, 1.0 Investigator Supervisor, 1.0 Investigator III, 1.0 Fiscal Advisor V, and 1.0 Administrative Specialist III.
        ii. $109,000 – Operating Costs (Rent, Legal, Technical Experts, Capital, Misc.).
        iii. $100,000 – One-Time Costs (start-up).
    b. For Fiscal Year 2026, a total of $1,333,529 which includes:
        i. $1,123,529 - Personnel Costs for 10.0 FTEs, including the 7.0 previously authorized, plus 2.0 Investigator III, 1.0 Management Analyst III.
        ii. $210,000 - Operating Costs (Rent, Legal, Technical Experts, Capital, Misc.).
    c. For Fiscal Year 2027, a total of $1,433,039 which includes:
        i. $1,223,039 – Personnel Costs annualized for 10.0 FTEs.
        ii. $210,000 – Operating costs (Rent, Legal, Technical Experts, Capital, Misc.)

Cost:

	Ongoing	One-Time
Fiscal Year 2025	$ 440,081	$100,000
Fiscal Year 2026	$1,333,529	
Fiscal Year 2027	$1,433,039	

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