



**153rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL NOTE**

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<b>BILL:</b>	<b>SENATE BILL NO. 4</b>
<b>SPONSOR:</b>	<b>Senator Sturgeon</b>
<b>DESCRIPTION:</b>	<b>AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL.</b>

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**Assumptions:**

1. This Act becomes effective upon signature by the Governor. The Secretary of State is to convene the Inspector General Selection Panel no later than sixty days after the enactment of this Act into law.
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 Inspector General is to hire a Deputy Inspector General and qualified staff with education or experience in areas such as investigations, evidence collection, audits, compliance with laws and other requirements, or other forms of oversight, enforcement or 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. Funding for the OIG, including the timeline for hiring of necessary staff has been adjusted assuming a January 2026 confirmation.
  - a. For Fiscal Year 2026, a total of \$590,769 which includes:
    - i. \$381,769 - 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 2027, a total of \$1,398,468 which includes:
    - i. \$1,188,468 - 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 2028, a total of \$1,503,561 which includes:
    - i. \$1,293,561 – Personnel Costs annualized for 10.0 FTEs.
    - ii. \$210,000 – Operating costs (Rent, Legal, Technical Experts, Capital, Misc.)
7. Personnel costs are assumed to increase at a rate of 2% annually

**Cost:**

	<b><u>Operating</u></b>	<b><u>One-Time</u></b>
Fiscal Year 2026:	\$ 490,769	\$100,000
Fiscal Year 2027:	\$1,398,468	
Fiscal Year 2028:	\$1,503,561	

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