

Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB1176S1

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House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☒ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Ruff

3. **Committee:** General Laws and Technology

4. **Title:** State Inspector General; powers and duties.

5. **Summary:** State Inspector General; powers and duties. Grants additional powers to the State Inspector General relating to audit functions of state and non-state agencies. The bill reorganizes the State Inspector General's powers and duties and generally reorganizes the law relating to the Office of the State Inspector General. The bill contains technical amendments which clarify report requirements, administration of the Fraud and Abuse Whistle Blower Reward Fund, and provides inspections of and make policy and operational recommendations for state facilities and providers, including mental health treatment units in state correctional facilities. The bill also makes technical changes to language in the law establishing the Office of State Inspector General.

The substitute bill inserts language that, "the State Inspector General may designate himself and no more than 30 members of the investigations unit of the Office to have the same powers as a sheriff or a law-enforcement officer in the investigation of allegations of criminal behavior affecting the operations of a state agency or nonstate agency pursuant to his duties..." The substitute bill also includes language for the OSIG and the Superintendent of the Virginia State Police to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) setting forth the respective roles and responsibilities of their agencies. The MOU will be approved by the Governor's chief of staff.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** None.

8. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Office of State Inspector General, executive branch agencies and non-state agencies.

9. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

10. **Comments:** This is a companion bill to HB 2114

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