

## Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1100

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Betsy B. Carr

**3. Committee:** General Laws

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

**5. Summary:** Requires the State Inspector General to establish procedures governing the intake and investigation of complaints alleging fraud, waste, abuse, or corruption by a state agency or nonstate agency or by any officer or employee of a state agency or nonstate agency. At a minimum, the procedures must (i) provide for the State Inspector General, or his designee, to review each decision to dismiss an allegation reported to the State Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Hotline at the initial intake stage without further investigation, (ii) require investigators designated by the State Inspector General to directly investigate allegations of serious administrative violations and provide for other agency internal audit divisions to investigate allegations meeting certain specified criteria, only if the internal audit division has demonstrated the ability to conduct investigations in an independent, effective, and timely manner, (iii) require oversight by the Office of the Inspector General of all investigations referred to other agencies to ensure the quality, timeliness, and independence, and (iv) develop a process for the regular review of the status of recommendations made by the Office of the Inspector General. The bill also clarifies the duty of the State Inspector General to provide oversight of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and community-based providers to identify system-level issues and conditions affecting quality of care and safety and provide recommendations to alleviate such issues and conditions. The bill removes the requirement for the State Inspector General to refer complaints alleging involving allegations against a public institution of higher education or any of its officers or employees to refer such complaint to the internal audit division of the institution. This bill is a recommendation of the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission.

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

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The Office of the State Inspector General indicates this bill presents no fiscal impact.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Office of the State Inspector General

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:**