

Department of Planning and Budget
2020 Special Session I - Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB5124

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

2. Patron: C. Todd Gilbert

3. Committee: Committee Referral Pending

4. Title: State Inspector General; investigation of the Commonwealth's response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

5. Summary: Directs the State Inspector General to (i) investigate the Commonwealth's response to the public health emergency related to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, including the Commonwealth's response with regard to the availability of testing for COVID-19, the reporting and publication of data and information about cases of COVID-19, and the procurement and distribution of personal protective equipment to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the Commonwealth, to determine whether acts of fraud, waste, abuse, or corruption have been committed by state officers or employees or independent contractors of a state agency or any officers or employees of a nonstate agency, and (ii) report his findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2020.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: None

8. Fiscal Implications: The Office of the State Inspector General (OSIG) indicates it can absorb the requirements of this bill with current resources. OSIG does indicate hiring certain subject matter expert contractors has been a lengthy and difficult process in the past, and said it may be difficult to hire a physician or other experts to complete certain parts of this review.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: