2026 Special Session I

Budget Bill - HB30 (Reenrolled)

Office of the State Inspector General

Item 57	First Year - FY2027	Second Year - FY2028
Inspection, Monitoring, and Auditing Services (78700)	**$9,154,452**	**$9,154,452**
Inspection and Compliance of Program Operations (78701)	$9,154,452	$9,154,452
Fund Sources:		
General	$6,448,432	$6,448,432
Special	$282,390	$282,390
Commonwealth Transportation	$2,423,630	$2,423,630

Authority: Title 2.2, Chapter 3.2, Code of Virginia.

A. The Office of the State Inspector General shall be responsible for investigating the management and operations of state agencies and nonstate agencies to determine whether acts of fraud, waste, abuse, or corruption have been committed or are being committed by state officers or employees or any officers or employees of a nonstate agency, including any allegations of criminal acts affecting the operations of state agencies or nonstate agencies. However, no investigation of an elected official of the Commonwealth to determine whether a criminal violation has occurred, is occurring, or is about to occur under the provisions of § 52-8.1 shall be initiated, undertaken, or continued except upon the request of the Governor, the Attorney General, or a grand jury.

B. The Office of the State Inspector General shall be responsible for coordinating and recommending standards for those internal audit programs in existence as of July 1, 2012, and developing and maintaining other internal audit programs in state agencies and nonstate agencies as needed in order to ensure that the Commonwealth's assets are subject to appropriate internal management controls. The State Inspector General shall assess the condition of the accounting, financial, and administrative controls of state agencies and nonstate agencies.

C. The Office of the State Inspector General shall be responsible for providing timely notification to the appropriate attorney for the Commonwealth and law-enforcement agencies whenever the State Inspector General has reasonable grounds to believe there has been a violation of state criminal law.

D. The Office of the State Inspector General shall be responsible for assisting citizens in understanding their rights and the processes available to them to express concerns regarding the activities of a state agency or nonstate agency or any officer or employee of the foregoing;

E.1. The Office of the State Inspector General shall be responsible for development, coordination and management of a program to train internal auditors. The Office of the State Inspector General shall assist internal auditors of state agencies and institutions in receiving continued professional education as required by professional standards. The Office of the State Inspector General shall coordinate its efforts with state institutions of higher education and offer training programs to the internal auditors as well as coordinate any special training programs for the internal auditors.

2. To fund the direct costs of hiring training instructors, the Office of the State Inspector General is authorized to collect fees from training participants to provide training events for internal auditors.

F.1. Out of the amounts appropriated in this item is $968,555 the first year and $968,555 the second year from the general fund to support the Office of the Department of Corrections Ombudsman and the Corrections Oversight Committee.

2. Notwithstanding Article 4 of Chapter 1, Title 53.1, the Office of the Department of Corrections Ombudsman (Office) shall not be required to establish policies for a statewide uniform reporting system, as described in § 53.1-17.2 (A) (5), and may include in its annual report the items in § 53.1-17.8 (A) (2-6) and (8-10). Other statutory reporting requirements, including the directive to collect and analyze data related to complaints received by the Department of Corrections (Department), remain in effect. As the Department deploys tablets to inmates, the Department shall ensure that the Office continues to have access to: the status of complaints; all emergency grievances, written complaints, and regular grievances from inmates, as well as the Department's responses and resolutions to complaints (to include the institutional ombudsman notes on why a complaint is accepted or rejected); and issued grievance receipts, appeal requests, and responses to appeals. In addition, the Department shall assess the feasibility, including cost estimates if any additional funding is needed, to establish a mechanism by which the Office may respond to inmate complaints electronically in accordance with § 53.1-17.4(B) and § 53.1-17.5 of the Code of Virginia and shall provide such assessment to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by December 15, 2026.