

SENATE BILL SUMMARY

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SB 498

Agency Inspectors General by Senator Bennett

Requires agency inspectors general to comply with the General Principles and Standards for Offices of Inspector General as published and revised by the Association of Inspectors General. Requires notification to be made in writing to the Chief Inspector General prior to the appointment or termination of inspectors general of agencies under the direction of the Governor. Prohibits agency staff from preventing or prohibiting inspectors general or directors of auditing from initiating, carrying out, or completing any audit or investigation. Provides that the inspectors general shall submit findings at the conclusion of audits or investigations of specific entities contracting with the state. Requires that the subject of the audit respond to any adverse findings. Requires that responses and inspector general's rebuttals, if any, be included in the final audit or investigation report. Requires agency inspectors general to report to the Chief Inspector General all written complaints received concerning the duties and responsibilities outlined in the provisions governing agency inspectors general or any misconduct alleged relating to such offices or employees. Requires a state agency to reimburse legal fees and costs not to exceed \$50,000 which are incurred by entities contracting with the state under certain circumstances. (See bill for details)