

145TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**FISCAL NOTE**

BILL:	HOUSE BILL NO. 134
SPONSOR:	Representative Oberle
DESCRIPTION:	AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF THE STATE INSPECTOR GENERAL.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. Effective 180 days after signed into law; however, the fiscal impact shall commence on July 1, 2009.
2. This Act establishes the Office of the State Inspector General to investigate State employees and State agencies for waste, fraud abuse and corruption. This Office shall make reports to the Governor and refer and report findings for possible prosecution to the Attorney General.
3. HB 134 authorizes the Department of State to provide office space and staffing to implement this legislation. The Department of State has no means to determine the number of staff required; however, using the Auditor's office as a benchmark for staff dedicated to "hot line" and other investigative work, the Department of State estimates a full staff complement of 8.0 positions would be required to implement this legislation.
4. Implementation of this legislation is contingent upon an appropriation in the annual budget.
5. The estimated cost for FY 2010 is as follows:

Personnel (+8.0)	\$ 672,000
Operating Expenses	322,000
Capital Outlay – One-time	75,000
TOTAL FY 2010 Estimated Costs	<u>\$1,069,000</u>

6. The estimated costs for FY 2011 are as follows:

Personnel (+8.0)	\$672,000
Operating Expenses	322,000
TOTAL FY 2009 Estimated Costs	<u>\$994,000</u>

COST:

<u>FY 2009 Costs</u>	
Additional Costs	-0-
<u>FY 2010 Costs</u>	
Additional Costs	\$1,069,000
<u>FY 2011 Costs</u>	
Additional Costs	\$994,000