



INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Cynthia V. Carrasco, Inspector General

OFFICE: INSPECTOR GENERAL
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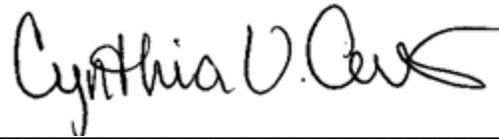
Inspector General Cynthia V. Carrasco reports as follows:

The Indiana Office of Inspector General (“OIG”) is statutorily charged to make recommendations to the Indiana General Assembly (“General Assembly”) to strengthen public integrity laws. I.C. 4-2-7-3(9). On November 19, 2014, the OIG issued a report making various recommendations for consideration by the General Assembly to further strengthen the existing public integrity laws that govern the ethical conduct of members of the executive branch of state government. The OIG made five recommendations, and the General Assembly adopted them all. This report addresses the fifth recommendation and how the General Assembly addressed it.

The OIG’s fifth recommendation to the General Assembly required that the Indiana State Inspector General be prohibited from seeking a state elected office for one year after leaving the Inspector General position. The OIG made this recommendation to ensure that the Inspector General’s actions are intended to further the public good and not personal political aspirations. The proposed one-year cooling off period would only apply to state offices because the Inspector General’s jurisdiction is limited to the executive branch of state government. This restriction is meant to be a check and balance on the Inspector General, an individual law enforcement officer

with the authority to arrest, file ethics complaints, and make public recommendations against individuals within the executive branch of state government.

In House Enrolled Act 1002, which goes into effect July 1, 2015, the General Assembly adopted the OIG's recommendation and added section (j) to I.C. 4-2-6-11 accordingly.

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Cynthia Carrasco, Inspector General