



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 140

LCO No. 192



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
SEN. CICARELLA, 34th Dist.

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP AND OFFICE TO
UNCOVER FRAUD AND WASTE IN STATE GOVERNMENT.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

- 1 That (1) a working group be established to study and recommend
- 2 legislation regarding preventing the waste of taxpayer dollars by
- 3 establishing partnerships between state agencies and private providers
- 4 to improve the delivery of services, reduce the cost of such services and
- 5 foster fraud investigations to uncover fraud and waste and to submit a
- 6 report with its recommendations to the joint standing committee of the
- 7 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to government
- 8 administration not later than December 31, 2025, and (2) the general
- 9 statutes be amended to establish an autonomous office with the
- 10 authority to investigate and prosecute claims of fraud or waste within
- 11 state agencies or for services provided on behalf of state agencies,
- 12 including referral to appropriate agencies for criminal prosecution; to
- 13 review the use of taxpayer dollars in nonprofit programs across the
- 14 state; and to review the use of facilities by state government and identify
- 15 areas of concern.

Statement of Purpose:

To prevent the waste of taxpayer dollars and investigate and prosecute claims of fraud or waste within state agencies or by private providers.