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AN ACT CONCERNING GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT OVER
FRAUD AND WASTE AND ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF
GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT AND EFFICIENCY.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Legislative Mgmt.	GF - Cost	455,000	590,000
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	169,371	225,828

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill creates the Office of Government Oversight and Efficiency (OGOE) to detect and prevent fraud, waste, and abuse and tasks the office with various requirements² resulting in a cost to the Office of Legislative Management (OLM)³. To meet the requirements of the bill the OGOE will need to hire a director and four additional staff for a salary and other expenses cost of \$455,000 in FY 27⁴ and \$590,000 in FY

¹The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 41.82% of payroll in FY 27.

²The bill requires the OGOE to create a system of coordination for offices performing similar duties and auditing functions, approve audit programs, conduct inspections and investigations into expenditures of state funds and use of state-owned or leased property, adopt regulations, make recommendations to the CGA for the detection of fraud, and submit an annual report to the CGA.

³The OGOE is within OLM for administrative purposes only.

⁴Costs in FY 27 reflect nine months of expenditures due to the bill's 10/1/26 effective date.

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28, along with associated fringe benefits of \$169,371 in FY 27 and \$225,828 in FY 28.

The bill also creates a working group on preventing the waste of taxpayer dollars and a results-based accountability working group resulting in no fiscal impact to the state because the working groups have the expertise to meet the requirements of the bill.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to employee wage increases and inflation.