

1.1 **Senator Latz from the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety, to which was**  
1.2 **re-referred**

1.3 **S.F. No. 856:** A bill for an act relating to state government; creating the Office of the  
1.4 Inspector General; creating an advisory committee; requiring reports; transferring certain  
1.5 agency duties; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 3.971,  
1.6 by adding a subdivision; 15A.0815, subdivision 2; 142A.03, by adding a subdivision;  
1.7 142A.12, subdivision 5; 144.05, by adding a subdivision; 245.095, subdivision 5; 256.01,  
1.8 by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 15D;  
1.9 repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 13.321, subdivision 12; 127A.21.

1.10 Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

1.11 Page 1, line 15, before "The" insert "Notwithstanding the classification of data as not  
1.12 public,"

1.13 Page 8, line 4, after "investigation" insert "or administrative action"

1.14 Page 8, delete lines 7 and 8 and insert:

1.15 "(3) the legislative auditor as provided in section 15D.04, subdivision 2, paragraph (g)."

1.16 Page 8, line 11, after the period insert "Whether an investigation is active shall be  
1.17 determined by the inspector general."

1.18 Page 8, line 16, after "litigation" insert "related to any civil, criminal, or administrative  
1.19 actions, including reconsideration or appeal of any such action"

1.20 Page 8, line 25, after "investigation's" insert "general description,"

1.21 Page 8, delete lines 27 and 28

1.22 Page 8, line 29, after "(e)" insert "Inactive investigative"

1.23 Page 9, delete lines 6 to 8 and insert:

1.24 "Subd. 6. **Privileges.** Nothing in this section or section 15D.042 requires the disclosure  
1.25 of documents or information that is legally privileged under statute or other law, including  
1.26 documents or information subject to section 13.393 or 595.02."

1.27 Page 9, after line 32, insert:

1.28 "Subd. 3. **Report; inactive investigations.** By December 1, 2026, and each December  
1.29 1 thereafter, the inspector general must submit a report to the legislative auditor and the  
1.30 chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over  
1.31 state government and data practices regarding all investigations the inspector general did  
1.32 not open after receiving a tip or complaint or decided to no longer actively pursue for the  
1.33 preceding calendar year. The report must include, at a minimum, summary data as defined  
1.34 in section 13.02, subdivision 19, for:

2.1 (1) all complaints or tips received;

2.2 (2) the type of allegation;

2.3 (3) if the complaint or tip was not frivolous, the reason that the inspector general did

2.4 not open an investigation or decided to no longer pursue the investigation; and

2.5 (4) referrals to other agencies or the legislative auditor."

2.6 And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Rules

2.7 and Administration. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

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2.10 March 28, 2025.....

2.11 (Date of Committee recommendation)