

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2017 and 2018 SB0645

Introduced 1/25/2017, by Sen. Heather A. Steans

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

5 ILCS 430/20-70

Amends the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act. Provides that if an officer or employee objects to a request for information by an Executive Inspector General based on any applicable rights or protections under State or federal law, the officer or employee may seek resolution of the objection by the Executive Ethics Commission. Provides that if an officer or employee refuses or fails to provide information requested by an Executive Inspector General, the Executive Inspector General may notify the Executive Ethics Commission and seek an order compelling the officer or employee to produce the information requested by the Executive Inspector General.

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1 AN ACT concerning government.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The State Officials and Employees Ethics Act is amended by changing Section 20-70 as follows:
- 6 (5 ILCS 430/20-70)

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- 7 Sec. 20-70. Cooperation in investigations.
 - (a) It is the duty of every officer and employee under the jurisdiction of an Executive Inspector General, including any inspector general serving in any State agency under the jurisdiction of that Executive Inspector General, to cooperate with the Executive Inspector General and the Attorney General in any investigation undertaken pursuant to this Act. Failure to cooperate includes, but is not limited to, intentional omissions and knowing false statements. Failure to cooperate with an investigation of the Executive Inspector General or the Attorney General is grounds for disciplinary action, including dismissal. Nothing in this Section limits or alters a person's existing rights or protections under State or federal law.
 - (b) If an officer or employee objects to a request for information by an Executive Inspector General based on any applicable rights or protections under State or federal law, the officer or employee may seek resolution of the objection by

- 1 the Executive Ethics Commission. If an officer or employee
- 2 <u>refuses or fails to provide information requested by an</u>
- 3 <u>Executive Inspector General</u>, the Executive Inspector General
- 4 may notify the Executive Ethics Commission and seek an order
- 5 compelling the officer or employee to produce the information
- 6 requested by the Executive Inspector General.
- 7 (Source: P.A. 96-555, eff. 8-18-09.)