

# SB2276



## 100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SB2276

Introduced 1/10/2018, by Sen. Cristina Castro

### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

5 ILCS 430/25-15

Amends the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act. Provides that the Legislative Ethics Commission shall adopt no rule requiring the Legislative Inspector General to seek the Commission's advance approval before commencing any investigation. Provides that any existing rule, as of the effective date of this amendatory Act, requiring the Legislative Inspector General to seek the Commission's advance approval before commencing any investigation is void. Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning government.

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

4 Section 5. The State Officials and Employees Ethics Act is  
5 amended by changing Section 25-15 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 430/25-15)

7 Sec. 25-15. Duties of the Legislative Ethics Commission.  
8 In addition to duties otherwise assigned by law, the  
9 Legislative Ethics Commission shall have the following duties:

10 (1) To promulgate rules governing the performance of  
11 its duties and the exercise of its powers and governing the  
12 investigations of the Legislative Inspector General;  
13 except that, the Legislative Ethics Commission shall adopt  
14 no rule requiring the Legislative Inspector General to seek  
15 the Commission's advance approval before commencing any  
16 investigation authorized under this Article. Any existing  
17 rule, as of the effective date of this amendatory Act of  
18 the 100th General Assembly, requiring the Legislative  
19 Inspector General to seek the Commission's advance  
20 approval before commencing any investigation is void.

21 (2) To conduct administrative hearings and rule on  
22 matters brought before the Commission only upon the receipt  
23 of pleadings filed by the Legislative Inspector General and

1 not upon its own prerogative, but may appoint special  
2 Legislative Inspectors General as provided in Section  
3 25-21. Any other allegations of misconduct received by the  
4 Commission from a person other than the Legislative  
5 Inspector General shall be referred to the Office of the  
6 Legislative Inspector General.

7 (3) To prepare and publish manuals and guides and,  
8 working with the Office of the Attorney General, oversee  
9 training of employees under its jurisdiction that explains  
10 their duties.

11 (4) To prepare public information materials to  
12 facilitate compliance, implementation, and enforcement of  
13 this Act.

14 (5) To submit reports as required by this Act.

15 (6) To the extent authorized by this Act, to make  
16 rulings, issue recommendations, and impose administrative  
17 fines, if appropriate, in connection with the  
18 implementation and interpretation of this Act. The powers  
19 and duties of the Commission are limited to matters clearly  
20 within the purview of this Act.

21 (7) To issue subpoenas with respect to matters pending  
22 before the Commission, subject to the provisions of this  
23 Article and in the discretion of the Commission, to compel  
24 the attendance of witnesses for purposes of testimony and  
25 the production of documents and other items for inspection  
26 and copying.

1           (8) To appoint special Legislative Inspectors General  
2           as provided in Section 25-21.

3           (9) To conspicuously display on the Commission's  
4           website the procedures for reporting a violation of this  
5           Act, including how to report violations via email or  
6           online.

7           (Source: P.A. 100-554, eff. 11-16-17.)

8           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
9           becoming law.