



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SB1543

Introduced 2/20/2015, 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.

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 20-70 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 430/20-70)

7 Sec. 20-70. Cooperation in investigations.

8 (a) It is the duty of every officer and employee under the
9 jurisdiction of an Executive Inspector General, including any
10 inspector general serving in any State agency under the
11 jurisdiction of that Executive Inspector General, to cooperate
12 with the Executive Inspector General and the Attorney General
13 in any investigation undertaken pursuant to this Act. Failure
14 to cooperate includes, but is not limited to, intentional
15 omissions and knowing false statements. Failure to cooperate
16 with an investigation of the Executive Inspector General or the
17 Attorney General is grounds for disciplinary action, including
18 dismissal. Nothing in this Section limits or alters a person's
19 existing rights or protections under State or federal law.

20 (b) If an officer or employee objects to a request for
21 information by an Executive Inspector General based on any
22 applicable rights or protections under State or federal law,
23 the officer or employee may seek resolution of the objection by

1 the Executive Ethics Commission. If an officer or employee
2 refuses or fails to provide information requested by an
3 Executive Inspector General, 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.)