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To amend title 5, United States Code, to abolish the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

A BILL

To amend title 5, United States Code, to abolish the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Restoring Integrity
5 and Efficiency to Inspector General Oversight Act of
6 2026”.

7 **SEC. 2. ABOLISHMENT OF THE COUNCIL OF THE INSPEC-**
8 **TORS GENERAL ON INTEGRITY AND EFFI-**
9 **CIENCY.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—

1 (1) ABOLISHMENT OF COUNCIL.—The Council
 2 of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Effi-
 3 ciency, as established by section 424 of title 5,
 4 United States Code, is abolished effective on the
 5 abolishment date specified in paragraph (3).

6 (2) ABOLITION OF FUNCTIONS.—Except for
 7 functions otherwise vested or transferred by this
 8 Act, or an amendment made by this Act, all func-
 9 tions that, immediately before the abolishment date
 10 specified in paragraph (3), were functions of the
 11 Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and
 12 Efficiency are abolished effective on such date.

13 (3) ABOLISHMENT DATE.—The abolishment
 14 date specified in this paragraph is the date that is
 15 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

16 (b) VESTING OF COUNCIL FUNCTIONS AND DU-
 17 TIES.—Effective on the abolishment date specified in sub-
 18 section (a)(3), section 424 of title 5, United States Code,
 19 is amended to read as follows (and by conforming the table
 20 of sections at the beginning of chapter 4 of such title ac-
 21 cordingly):

22 **“§ 424. Additional provisions with respect to the of-**
 23 **fices of the Inspectors General**

24 “(a) DEVELOPMENT OF STANDARDS.—The Director
 25 of the Office of Management and Budget shall develop

1 policies, standards, and approaches to aid in the establish-
2 ment of a well-trained and highly skilled workforce in the
3 offices of the Inspectors General.

4 “(b) INSPECTIONS.—The Comptroller General of the
5 United States shall develop standards for the offices of
6 the Inspectors General to conduct inspections.

7 “(c) AREAS OF WEAKNESS AND VULNERABILITY.—
8 The offices of the Inspectors General shall coordinate to
9 continually identify, review, and discuss areas of weakness
10 and vulnerability in Federal programs and operations with
11 respect to fraud, waste, and abuse.

12 “(d) GOVERNMENTWIDE ACTIVITIES.—The Director
13 of the Office of Management and Budget shall develop
14 plans for coordinated, governmentwide activities that ad-
15 dress these problems and promote economy and efficiency
16 in Federal programs and operations, including interagency
17 and inter-entity audit, investigation, inspection, and eval-
18 uation programs and projects to deal efficiently and effec-
19 tively with those problems concerning fraud and waste
20 that exceed the capability or jurisdiction of an individual
21 agency or entity.

22 “(e) POLICIES FOR PERSONNEL.—The Director of
23 the Office of Management and Budget, in coordination
24 with the Director of the Office of Personnel Management,
25 the offices of the Inspectors General, and the Director of

1 the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers, shall de-
2 velop policies that will aid in the maintenance of a corps
3 of well-trained and highly skilled Office of Inspector Gen-
4 eral personnel.

5 “(f) PROFESSIONAL TRAINING.—The Director of the
6 Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers, in coordina-
7 tion with the offices of the Inspectors General, shall main-
8 tain 1 or more academies for the professional training of
9 auditors, investigators, inspectors, evaluators, and other
10 personnel of the various offices of Inspector General.

11 “(g) MULTI-JURISDICTION REVIEW.—The Director
12 of the Office of Management and Budget shall, except for
13 matters coordinated among Inspectors General under sec-
14 tion 103H of the National Security Act of 1947 (50
15 U.S.C. 3033), receive, review, and mediate any disputes
16 submitted in writing by an Office of Inspector General re-
17 garding an audit, investigation, inspection, evaluation, or
18 project that involves the jurisdiction of more than one Of-
19 fice of Inspector General.

20 “(h) RESPONSIBILITIES RELATING TO WHISTLE-
21 BLOWER PROTECTION.—The Inspectors General shall—

22 “(1) facilitate the work of the Whistleblower
23 Protection Coordinators designated under section
24 403(d)(1)(C) of this title; and

1 “(2) in consultation with the Office of Special
2 Counsel and Whistleblower Protection Coordinators
3 from the member offices of the Inspector General,
4 develop best practices for coordination and commu-
5 nication in promoting the timely and appropriate
6 handling and consideration of protected disclosures,
7 allegations of reprisal, and general matters regard-
8 ing the implementation and administration of whis-
9 tleblower protection laws, in accordance with Federal
10 law.”.

11 (c) TRANSFER OF REVOLVING FUND.—Any amounts
12 that are available in the Inspectors General Council Fund
13 immediately before the abolishment date specified in para-
14 graph (3) or that were transferred to the Council of the
15 Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency are hereby
16 transferred to the Director of the Federal Law Enforce-
17 ment Training Centers.

18 (d) TRANSFER OF ASSETS.—Except as otherwise
19 provided in this Act, so much of the personnel, property,
20 records, and unexpended balances of appropriations, allo-
21 cations, and other funds employed, used, held, available,
22 or to be made available in connection with a function
23 transferred to an official or agency by this Act shall be
24 available to the official or the head of that agency, respec-
25 tively, at such time or times as the Director of the Office

1 of Management and Budget, or the Administrator of Gen-
2 eral Services, as appropriate, directs for use in connection
3 with the functions transferred.

4 (e) TERMINATION OF PERSONNEL.—Except as pro-
5 vided by subsection (d), effective on the abolishment date
6 specified in subsection (a), any individual who is an officer
7 or employee of the Council of the Inspectors General on
8 Integrity and Efficiency shall be separated from the civil
9 service.

10 (f) DELEGATION AND ASSIGNMENT.—Except as oth-
11 erwise expressly prohibited by law or otherwise provided
12 in this Act, or an amendment made by this Act, an official
13 to whom functions are transferred under this Act (includ-
14 ing the head of any office to which functions are trans-
15 ferred under this Act) may delegate any of the functions
16 so transferred to such officers and employees of the office
17 of the official as the official may designate, and may au-
18 thorize successive redelegations of such functions as may
19 be necessary or appropriate. No delegation of functions
20 under this section or under any other provision of this Act
21 shall relieve the official to whom a function is transferred
22 under this Act of responsibility for the administration of
23 the function.

24 (g) SAVINGS PROVISIONS.—

1 (1) LEGAL DOCUMENTS.—All orders, deter-
2 minations, regulations, permits, grants, loans, con-
3 tracts, agreements, certificates, licenses, and privi-
4 leges—

5 (A) that have been issued, made, granted,
6 or allowed to become effective by the President,
7 the Chair of the Council of the Inspectors Gen-
8 eral on Integrity and Efficiency, the Council of
9 the Inspectors General on Integrity and Effi-
10 ciency, any officer or employee of any office
11 transferred by this Act, or any other Govern-
12 ment official, or by a court of competent juris-
13 diction, in the performance of any function that
14 is transferred by this Act; and

15 (B) that are in effect on the effective date
16 of such transfer (or become effective after such
17 date pursuant to their terms as in effect on
18 such effective date),

19 shall continue in effect according to their terms until
20 modified, terminated, superseded, set aside, or re-
21 voked in accordance with law by the President, and
22 other authorized official, a court of competent juris-
23 diction, or operation of law.

24 (2) PROCEEDINGS.—This Act shall not affect
25 any proceedings or any application for any benefits,

1 service, license, permit, certificate, or financial as-
2 sistance pending on the date of the enactment of
3 this Act before an office transferred by this Act, but
4 such proceedings and applications shall be contin-
5 ued. Orders shall be issued in such proceedings, ap-
6 peals shall be taken therefrom, and payments shall
7 be made pursuant to such orders, as if this Act had
8 not been enacted, and orders issued in any such pro-
9 ceeding shall continue in effect until modified, termi-
10 nated, superseded, or revoked by a duly authorized
11 official, by a court of competent jurisdiction, or by
12 operation of law. Nothing in this paragraph shall be
13 considered to prohibit the discontinuance or modi-
14 fication of any such proceeding under the same
15 terms and conditions and to the same extent that
16 such proceeding could have been discontinued or
17 modified if this Act had not been enacted.

18 (3) SUITS.—This Act shall not affect suits com-
19 menced against the Council of the Inspectors Gen-
20 eral on Integrity and Efficiency or the Chair of the
21 Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and
22 Efficiency, or against any individual in the official
23 capacity of such individual as an officer or employee
24 of an office transferred by this Act, before the date
25 of the enactment of this Act, and in all such suits,

1 proceeding shall be had, appeal taken, and judg-
2 ments rendered in the same manner and with the
3 same effect as if this Act had not been enacted.

4 (4) NONABATEMENT OF ACTIONS.—No suit, ac-
5 tion, or other proceeding commenced against the
6 Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and
7 Efficiency or the Chair of the Council of the Inspec-
8 tors General on Integrity and Efficiency, or against
9 any individual in the official capacity of such indi-
10 vidual as an officer or employee of an office trans-
11 ferred by this Act, shall abate by reason of the en-
12 actment of this Act.

13 (5) CONTINUANCE OF SUITS.—If any Govern-
14 ment officer in the official capacity of such officer
15 is party to a suit with respect to a function of the
16 officer, and under this Act such function is trans-
17 ferred to any other officer or office, then such suit
18 shall be continued with the other officer or the head
19 of such other office, as applicable, substituted or
20 added as a party.

21 (6) ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE AND JUDI-
22 CIAL REVIEW.—Except as otherwise provided by this
23 Act, any statutory requirements relating to notice,
24 hearings, action upon the record, or administrative
25 or judicial review that apply to any function trans-

1 ferred by this Act shall apply to the exercise of such
2 function by the head of the Federal agency, and
3 other officers of the agency, to which such function
4 is transferred by this Act.

5 (h) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

6 (1) INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE LIBRARY OF
7 CONGRESS.—Section 1307(d)(3) of the Library of
8 Congress Inspector General Act of 2005 (2 U.S.C.
9 185(d)(3)) is amended—

10 (A) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by striking
11 “the Council of the Inspectors General on In-
12 tegrity and Efficiency use of force policies,
13 which incorporate” and inserting “the”;

14 (B) in subparagraph (C)(i), by striking
15 “standards established by the Council of the In-
16 spectors General on Integrity and Efficiency,
17 which incorporate” and inserting “the”;

18 (C) in subparagraph (D)—

19 (i) by striking “established by the
20 Council of the Inspectors General on Integ-
21 rity and Efficiency” and inserting “estab-
22 lished by the Comptroller General of the
23 United States”; and

1 (ii) by striking “, the Council of the
2 Inspectors General on Integrity and Effi-
3 ciency,”;
4 (D) by striking subparagraph (E); and
5 (E) by redesignating subparagraph (F) as
6 subparagraph (E).

7 (2) INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE ARCHITECT
8 OF THE CAPITOL.—Section 1301(d)(3) of the Archi-
9 tect of the Capitol Inspector General Act of 2007 (2
10 U.S.C. 1808(d)(3)) is amended—

11 (A) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by striking
12 “the Council of the Inspectors General on In-
13 tegrity and Efficiency use of force policies,
14 which incorporate” and inserting “the”;

15 (B) in subparagraph (C)(i), by striking
16 “standards established by the Council of the In-
17 spectors General on Integrity and Efficiency,
18 which incorporate” and inserting “the”;

19 (C) in subparagraph (D)—

20 (i) by striking “established by the
21 Council of the Inspectors General on Integ-
22 rity and Efficiency” and inserting “estab-
23 lished by the Comptroller General of the
24 United States”; and

1 (ii) by striking “, the Council of the
2 Inspectors General on Integrity and Effi-
3 ciency,”;

4 (D) by striking subparagraph (E); and

5 (E) by redesignating subparagraph (F) as
6 subparagraph (E).

7 (3) INSPECTORS GENERAL APPOINTMENTS.—
8 Section 403(d)(1)(C)(iii) of title 5, United States
9 Code, is amended by striking “the Council of the In-
10 spectors General on Integrity and Efficiency,”.

11 (4) AUTHORITY OF INSPECTOR GENERAL.—Sec-
12 tion 406 of title 5, United States Code, is amend-
13 ed—

14 (A) in subsection (g)(1), by striking “, and
15 any resources necessary to support the Council
16 of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Effi-
17 ciency. Resources necessary to support the
18 Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity
19 and Efficiency shall be specifically identified
20 and justified in the budget request”;

21 (B) in subsection (g)(2)—

22 (i) in subparagraph (B), by striking
23 the semicolon and inserting “; and”; and

24 (ii) by striking subparagraph (C);

25 (C) in subsection (g)(3)—

1 (i) in subparagraph (C), by striking
 2 the semicolon and inserting “; and”; and
 3 (ii) by striking subparagraph (D); and
 4 (D) in subsection (k), by striking “the
 5 Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity
 6 and Efficiency or”.

7 (5) SPECIAL APPLICATION.—Section 415(g) of
 8 title 5, United States Code, is amended—

9 (A) in paragraph (1)—

10 (i) by striking “SECTIONS 404, 405,
 11 406, AND 407” and inserting “SECTIONS
 12 404, 405, 406, 407, AND 424”; and

13 (ii) by striking “and 407” and insert-
 14 ing “407, and 424”;

15 (B) in paragraph (4)(A), by striking the
 16 semicolon and inserting “; or”;

17 (C) in paragraph (4)(B) by striking “; or”
 18 and inserting a period; and

19 (D) by striking paragraph (4)(C).

20 (6) INSPECTOR GENERAL OVERSIGHT OF
 21 FUND.—Section 1521(e)(1)(B) of the National De-
 22 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Pub-
 23 lic Law 115–91) is amended by striking “by the
 24 Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and
 25 Efficiency (commonly referred to as the ‘CIGIE

1 Blue Book’))” and inserting “ by the Comptroller
2 General of the United States”.

3 (7) SPECIAL PROVISIONS CONCERNING OVER-
4 SEAS CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS.—Section 419 of
5 title 5, United States Code, is amended—

6 (A) by striking subsection (a) and insert-
7 ing the following:

8 “(a) RESPONSIBILITIES OF INSPECTORS GEN-
9 ERAL.—The Inspectors General specified in subsection (c)
10 shall have the specific responsibilities specified in sub-
11 section (b) upon the earlier of—

12 “(1) the commencement or designation of a
13 military operation as an overseas contingency oper-
14 ation that exceeds 60 days; or

15 “(2) receipt of a notification under section
16 113(n) of title 10 with respect to an overseas contin-
17 gency operation.”;

18 (B) in subsection (b)—

19 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking “In
20 consultation with the Inspectors General
21 specified in subsection (c), to designate”
22 and inserting “To designate”; and

23 (ii) in paragraph (2), by striking “To
24 resolve” and inserting “In accordance with
25 section 424(g) of this title, to resolve”; and

1 (C) in subsection (d)(1), by striking “the
 2 Chair of the Council of Inspectors General on
 3 Integrity and Efficiency under subsection
 4 (b)(1)” and inserting “the Inspectors General
 5 specified in subsection (e)”.

6 (8) INVESTIGATIVE LEAVE AND NOTICE
 7 LEAVE.—Section 6329b(e) of title 5, United States
 8 Code, is amended by striking “the Council of the In-
 9 spectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, in con-
 10 sultation with”.

11 (9) SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.—Section 113(o)
 12 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by strik-
 13 ing “the Chair of the Council of Inspectors General
 14 on Integrity and Efficiency” and inserting “Director
 15 of the Office of Management and Budget”.

16 (10) SPECIAL INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR THE
 17 TROUBLED ASSET RELIEF PROGRAM.—Section 121
 18 of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of
 19 2008 (12 U.S.C. 5231) is amended—

20 (A) by striking subsection (h); and

21 (B) by redesignating subsections (i)
 22 through (k) as subsections (h) through (j), re-
 23 spectively.

24 (11) REDUCING VULNERABILITY OF SBIR AND
 25 STTR PROGRAMS TO FRAUD, WASTE, AND ABUSE.—

1 Section 5143 of the National Defense Authorization
2 Act for Fiscal Year 2012 (15 U.S.C. 638b) is
3 amended by striking “, in consultation with the
4 Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Effi-
5 ciency,”.

6 (12) BUDGET CONTENTS AND SUBMISSION TO
7 CONGRESS.—Section 1105(a) of title 31, United
8 States Code, is amended—

9 (A) by striking paragraph (33); and

10 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (34)
11 through (38) as paragraphs (33) through (37),
12 respectively.

13 (13) COMPLIANCE.—Section 3353(a) of title
14 31, United States Code, is amended—

15 (A) by striking paragraph (2);

16 (B) by redesignating paragraph (3) as
17 paragraph (2);

18 (C) in paragraph (2), as so redesignated,
19 by striking “in consultation with the Council”;
20 and

21 (D) in paragraph (4)—

22 (i) by striking “CIGIE” and inserting
23 “ADDITIONAL OMB”; and

24 (ii) by striking “Not later than 180
25 days after the date of enactment of this

1 section, the Council” and inserting “The
2 Director of the Office of Management and
3 Budget”.

4 (14) ANNUAL INDEPENDENT EVALUATION.—
5 Section 3555(j) of title 44, United States Code, is
6 amended by striking “, the Council of the Inspectors
7 General on Integrity and Efficiency”.

8 (15) DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES, AUTHORITY,
9 AND REPORTS.—Section 3903(c) of title 44, United
10 States Code, is amended—

11 (A) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “the
12 Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity
13 and Efficiency use of force policies, which incor-
14 porate” and inserting “the”;

15 (B) in paragraph (3)(A), by striking
16 “standards established by the Council of the In-
17 spectors General on Integrity and Efficiency,
18 which incorporate” and inserting “the”;

19 (C) in paragraph (4)—

20 (i) by striking “by the Council of the
21 Inspectors General on Integrity and Effi-
22 ciency” and inserting “by the Comptroller
23 General of the United States”; and

1 (ii) by striking “, the Council of the
 2 Inspectors General on Integrity and Effi-
 3 ciency,”;
 4 (D) by striking paragraph (5); and
 5 (E) by redesignating paragraph (6) as
 6 paragraph (5).

7 (16) INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE INTEL-
 8 LIGENCE COMMUNITY.—Section 103H of the Na-
 9 tional Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3033) is
 10 amended—

11 (A) in subsection (i)(1)(B), by striking “or
 12 the Council of the Inspectors General on Integ-
 13 rity and Efficiency”; and

14 (B) in subsection (n)—

15 (i) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking
 16 the semicolon and inserting “; and”;

17 (ii) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking
 18 “; and” and inserting a period at the end;

19 (iii) by striking paragraph (1)(C);

20 (iv) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking
 21 the semicolon and inserting “; and”;

22 (v) by striking paragraph (2)(C);

23 (vi) in paragraph (3)(C), by striking
 24 the semicolon and inserting “; and”; and

25 (vii) by striking paragraph (3)(D).

1 (17) INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR CENTRAL IN-
2 TELLIGENCE AGENCY.—Section 17 of the Central
3 Intelligence Agency Act of 1949 (50 U.S.C. 3517) is
4 amended—

5 (A) in subsection (e)(8)(A)(ii), by striking
6 “or the Council of the Inspectors General on
7 Integrity and Efficiency”; and

8 (B) in subsection (f)—

9 (i) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking
10 the semicolon and inserting “; and”;

11 (ii) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking
12 “; and” and inserting a period at the end;

13 (iii) by striking paragraph (2)(C);

14 (iv) in paragraph (3)(B), by striking
15 the semicolon and inserting “; and”;

16 (v) by striking in paragraph (3)(C);

17 (vi) in paragraph (4)(C), by striking
18 the semicolon and inserting “; and”; and

19 (vii) by striking paragraph (4)(D).

20 (i) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

21 (1) FUNCTION.—The term “function” includes
22 any duty, obligation, power, authority, responsibility,
23 right, privilege, activity, or program.

24 (2) OFFICE.—The term “office” includes any
25 office, administration, agency, bureau, institute,

- 1 council, unit, organizational entity, or component
- 2 thereof.

