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BILL: **House Bill 122**
Maryland Office of the Inspector General for General Services

COMMITTEE: House Health and Government Operations

DATE: January 28, 2021

POSITION: Letter of Information

Upon review of House Bill 122 – Maryland Office of the Inspector General for General Services, the Department of General Services (DGS) provides these comments for your consideration.

House Bill 122 establishes the Maryland Office of the Inspector for General Services (Office). The office resides within DGS. While the Office is an independent unit of State government, the office shall reside within DGS and have access to the following services:

- Information Technology,
- Budget and Finance,
- Human Resources,
- Police,
- Procurement,
- Assistant Attorney General, and
- Support Services.

Establishing the Office would have significant fiscal impact. DGS estimates that the cost of establishing the Office to be **\$607,903 in FY2022** and rise to **\$851,423 in FY2026**. The above costs include creating and **hiring six full-time positions**, allocating and outfitting office space, acquiring equipment, supplies and vehicles. The Office would require **ongoing funding to continue operations once established**.

DGS would also be required to absorb the costs of existing personnel to draft positions descriptions, interview and hire the full-time positions above, and draft regulations and policies.

For additional information, contact Ellen Robertson at 410-260-2908.

