



# SENATE BILL No. 548

March 30, 1993, Introduced by Senators DI NELLO, CARL, GEAKE and WELBORN and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to establish the office of education inspector general as an autonomous agency within the department of management and budget; to provide for the appointment of the education inspector general; to prescribe the powers and duties of the education inspector general and the office of education inspector general; and to prescribe certain duties of school districts and intermediate school districts.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 1. The office of education inspector general is estab-  
2 lished as an autonomous agency within the department of manage-  
3 ment and budget, to be directed by the education inspector  
4 general. The education inspector general shall be appointed by  
5 the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. The  
6 education inspector general shall report directly to the governor  
7 for the purpose of rendering advice and recommendations on

1 programs and laws related to education. The education inspector  
2 general shall report to the director of the department of manage-  
3 ment and budget with respect to budget, procurement, and  
4 management-related functions for the office of education inspec-  
5 tor general.

6       Sec. 2. (1) The office of education inspector general shall  
7 do all of the following:

8       (a) Conduct performance and financial reviews of school dis-  
9 tricts and intermediate school districts created under the school  
10 code of 1976, Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1976, being  
11 sections 380.1 to 380.1852 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, to  
12 ensure compliance with statutory and administrative requirements,  
13 and shall report its findings to the governor, state board of  
14 education, and legislature.

15       (b) Monitor the integrity of school districts and individual  
16 school annual educational reports compiled and distributed under  
17 section 1204a of Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1976, being  
18 section 380.1204a of the Michigan Compiled Laws. To accomplish  
19 this duty, the education inspector general may require a school  
20 district to demonstrate to his or her satisfaction the accuracy  
21 of an annual education report of the school district or of an  
22 individual school within the school district.

23       (c) Monitor the distribution of all public and private funds  
24 for education by the department of education to ensure that the  
25 department of education is following and applying appropriate  
26 evaluation, accounting, and educational standards.

(d) Take all necessary steps to fulfill the overall function of ensuring that appropriate educational standards and philosophies are being implemented by all educational agencies of the state at any educational level that receives state or federal funds.

(2) The office of education inspector general may do all of the following:

(a) Review the educational and other records of any education agency of the state or of educational program that receives state or federal funds.

(b) Recommend to the governor an emergency cessation of distribution of money appropriated for an educational purpose to prevent misuse of public funds.

Sec. 3. A school district, intermediate school district, community college, state university, the department of education, or another state educational program or agency that receives state or federal funds shall cooperate with the office of education inspector general and allow the office of education inspector general full access to the extent allowed by law to its educational, financial, and other records, including computer and print records.