

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2025-0257

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Miller

Date of Introduction: April 8, 2025

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, R

Date of Analysis: April 4, 2025

Type of Action: Ordinance Code amendment

Bill Summary: This bill amends Section 602.303 (Duties and Functions), Part 3 (Inspector General), Chapter 602 (Jacksonville Ethics Code) of the Ordinance Code to expand the list of those required to notify the Inspector General of possible mismanagement of a contract, fraud, theft, bribery, or certain other violations of law. The bill also provides an exemption for employees of Jacksonville's Sheriff's Office (JSO).

Background Information: Section 602.303, *Ordinance Code*, establishes the duties and functions of the Inspector General. Subsection 602.303(k) currently requires the Mayor and Officials of any office, agency, department, or part of the entire Consolidated Government to notify the Inspector General of possible mismanagement of a contract that results in the misuse or loss of more than \$5,000 in public funds. It also requires notification of fraud, theft, bribery, or other violations of law within the Inspector General's jurisdiction. This reporting requirement only applies to Elected and Public Officials as defined in Section 602.201, *Ordinance Code*. This bill would expand the reporting requirement to apply to all employees of any office, agency, department, or part of the Consolidated Government. Employees of JSO are excluded from the requirements of this bill because they are currently required to report similar violations internally.

Policy Impact Area: Ethics; Inspector General

Fiscal Impact: No cost to the City

Analyst: Russell