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Bill Analysis

SB 1786 provides that the State Auditor and Inspector shall have discretionary authority to initiate audits of any state agency, board, commission, or local government entity. The audits may be based on risk assessments, credible allegations of fraud or waste, or the Auditor's independent determination. Such audits may be initiated without a request by a state official. The Auditor is authorized to issue subpoenas by the measure. The measure creates a misdemeanor for any person who fails to comply with the investigation and establishes a maximum fine of \$1,000.00 and/or a maximum term of imprisonment of 30 days. Any findings that indicate potential criminal violations shall be referred to the Attorney General within 30 days. The measure directs the Attorney General to review such referrals as well as to submit an annual report to the Legislature and the Auditor. The measure requires any entity receiving an adverse finding from the Auditor to submit a corrective action plan within 60 days. The measure establishes the Investigative Division within the Office of the State Auditor and Inspector. The Division shall support the Auditor in investigative audits. The measure appropriates \$1.5 million from the General Revenue Fund to the State Auditor and Inspector.

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