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**S.B. 350**  
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## **Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement**

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**Version:** As Introduced

**Primary Sponsor:** Sen. Patton

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

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### **Highlights**

- The bill adds the Inspector General and a deputy Inspector General to the definition of “peace officer” while they are engaged in the scope of the official’s duties and meet certain training requirements.
- The Office of the Inspector General (IGO) does not anticipate additional costs to their office and indicates that the prevailing impact will be improved efficiency, particularly with the ability to apply directly to a court for electronic search warrants rather than requesting assistance from a local law enforcement agency.
- Local law enforcement agencies will experience administrative savings commensurate to the number of electronic search warrants that will no longer be petitioned on behalf of IGO.

### **Detailed Analysis**

The bill is not expected to have a significant fiscal impact on the state or political subdivisions. It expands the definition of “peace officer” to include the Inspector General and any deputy Inspector General who holds a certificate issued by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission for satisfactory completion of an approved peace officer basic training program. Completion of this training is required by the bill for permanent appointment. According to the Office of the Inspector General, any additional training needs can be absorbed within existing budgetary resources and a number of staff have already completed the required peace officer basic training.

The bill grants these officials the same arrest authority as a peace officer while acting within the scope of their duties. As peace officers, a qualified Inspector General and deputies may apply directly to a court for electronic search warrants. This authority is expected to improve

efficiency in certain investigations, as such requests are currently submitted through local law enforcement agencies. These agencies would experience some administrative cost savings as a result.