

15E.30 AUXILIARY POWERS.

Subdivision 1. **Subpoena power.** In all matters relating to official duties, the inspector general has the powers possessed by courts of law to issue and have subpoenas served.

Subd. 2. **Inquiry and inspection power; duty to aid inspector general.** All executive branch officials and their deputies and employees, all political subdivision officials and employees administering state-funded programs, and all corporations, firms, and individuals having business involving the receipt, disbursement, or custody of public funds shall at all times:

- (1) afford reasonable facilities for examinations by the inspector general;
- (2) provide returns and reports required by the inspector general;
- (3) attend and answer under oath the inspector general's lawful inquiries;
- (4) produce and exhibit all books, accounts, documents, data of any classification, and property that the inspector general requests to inspect; and
- (5) in all things cooperate with the inspector general.

Subd. 3. **Penalties.** (a) If a person refuses or neglects to obey any lawful direction of the inspector general, a deputy, or assistant, or withholds any information, book, record, paper, or other document called for by the inspector general for the purpose of examination, after having been lawfully required by order or subpoena, upon application by the inspector general, a judge of the district court in the county where the order or subpoena was made returnable shall compel obedience or punish disobedience as for contempt, as in the case of a similar order or subpoena issued by the court.

(b) A person who swears falsely to the inspector general concerning any matter stated under oath is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

History: 2026 c 92 art 1 s 9