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## **OSIG HAS ITS WORK CUT OUT IN ITS WORK PLAN FOR FY 2022**

State building maintenance. Adult protective services oversight. State agencies' overtime usage. These are just three of the performance audits the Virginia Office of the State Inspector General (OSIG) plans to conduct in fiscal year 2022. OSIG recently released its [Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Work Plan](#) to Governor Ralph Northam. In it, OSIG outlined plans to determine if the Department of General Services provides effective and timely operational and repair services. OSIG also will determine whether the oversight and technical assistance provided by the Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services and the Virginia Department of Social Services to local departments of social services for adult protective services is sufficient to ensure that elder abuse complaints are investigated adequately. OSIG also plans to evaluate how state agencies monitor and manage overtime usage.

“These are just some of the areas that OSIG, in conjunction with Cabinet secretaries, has determined merited an assessment on their efficiency and effectiveness,” said State Inspector General Michael C. Westfall. “These audits help state agencies take a look at their strengths, weaknesses and progress to ensure they are good stewards in management of those programs.”

Also in fiscal year 2022, OSIG will continue conducting several other performance audits, including assessing higher education institutions' reports on crime statistics and other safety-related information as required by the Clery Act, and evaluating diversity and inclusion in the recruiting efforts and hiring practices within the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy. OSIG is also reviewing charitable gaming in the Commonwealth and conducting an audit of the Department of Forensic Science to evaluate the efficiency of evidence collection and the effect that judicial proceedings and investigations has on providing services.

OSIG's Behavioral Health and Developmental Services Unit has selected several areas on which to focus in fiscal year 2022, including mortality reviews in the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and the use of seclusion and restraint in mental health programs in the Commonwealth.

The Technology and Security Services Unit will implement new applications to include Power BI and Power DMS to improve the agency's ability to enhance business unit analytics and reach certification goals.

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Established in 2012, the Virginia Office of the State Inspector General manages the State Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline; conducts investigations and performance audits of state agencies; provides training and standards for the commonwealth's internal audit programs; and conducts inspections and reviews of Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services-run facilities and programs.