CORRECTIONAL INSPECTOR GENERAL BILL

**S1548:** An act establishing a correctional inspector general office. This office will drive change by increasing transparency and accountability in the Department of Correction and each Sheriff’s Office.

### The Problem
- There is an increasing need to establish transparency and accountability for those involved in the criminal legal system
- This is especially true for minoritized and marginalized populations

### The Solution
- Creation of an office and position of correctional inspector general to monitor the well-being and protection of those who are incarcerated
- The position would offer the following:

#### Independence
- Appointed through a balanced process that involves representatives of incarcerated persons
- Independent from any correctional agency
- Authority to initiate investigations

#### Open Access
- Has open access to correctional institutions at all times to obtain and inspect all records
- Can perform confidential interviews with incarcerated individuals

#### Public Reporting
- Publicly shares findings with minimal management approval
- Makes recommendations based on findings
- Produces follow-up reports to monitor implementation

#### Ombuds Function
- Receives complaints from incarcerated persons
- Assists incarcerated persons in gaining resolution through liaison and negotiation
- Uses complaints to inform investigation and reporting role

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