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## Bil Analysis

Bill No. HB 1632

Establish study group/training/state investigators Public Arg: 2/11/97  
Brief title

Reps. D. Schmidt/Scott/Ream (Req Atty Gen.)  
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### **BACKGROUND:**

Various state agencies employ investigators including the state patrol, public disclosure commission, state auditor office, and attorney general office.

### **SUMMARY:**

A study group is created to develop mandatory training policies and procedures for state investigators.

The study group consists of the following 3 members: The attorney general, chief of the state patrol, state auditor, one legislator from each caucus of the Senate and House of Representatives, representative of the Governor's office, two representatives of state agencies appointed by the Governor, a representative appointed by the Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys, a representative appointed by the Washington Association of Sheriff and Police Chiefs, and a representative appointed by the criminal justice program at the Washington State University. The attorney general and chief of the state patrol co-chair the study group.

The study group develops minimum training requirements including for civilian and criminal investigations, evaluates current training requirements and policies, recommends who will provide training, recommends basic policies and procedures for investigators, develops cost estimates for mandatory training, and makes recommendations on the scope of duties and responsibilities of state investigators.

The study group is directed to deliver its recommendations to the Legislature by December 1, 1997, and the law expires on June 1, 1998.

**FISCAL NOTE:** Not requested.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bills passed.