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OHIO INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATION: OHIO LT. GOV. EMPLOYEES OPERATED WITH INADEQUATE OVERSIGHT, ABSENCE OF SUPERVISION  
Columbus, Ohio, November 24, 2015

The inspector general issued a report of investigation based on a complaint received from Ohio Lieutenant Governor Mary Taylor alleging two state employees under her supervision submitted inaccurate timekeeping records.

The inspector general's investigation reviewed records related to work activity for the lieutenant governor's chief of staff, Laura Johnson, and Heather Brandt, Johnson's executive assistant. The records brought into question both employees' claim for pay for a substantial number of hours of work while away from the state office. In delivering the report of investigation to Lieutenant Governor Taylor, the inspector general cited inadequate oversight and an absence of supervision. Lieutenant Governor Taylor has been asked to respond to a number of recommendations within 60 days and include details on how the recommendations will be implemented.

The report of investigation has been provided to the Franklin County Prosecuting Attorney and the Columbus City Attorney for consideration.

Ohio Inspector General Report of Investigation file number 2014-CA00043 is now available at:  
<http://watchdog.ohio.gov/Investigations/2015Investigations.aspx>

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