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OHIO INSPECTOR GENERAL RECOMMENDS ISSUANCE OF STATEWIDE POLICY ON PAYMENTS  
FOR DENIED VACATION LEAVE  
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The Ohio Inspector General has issued a report of investigation initiated after the Office of the Ohio Governor delivered a complaint alleging a number of state agencies were converting accrued hours of vacation time to cash payments in excess of the amount permissible under law.

Similar to a pattern in an investigation two years ago, 17 employees from eight state agencies were found to have received more than \$47,000 in payments contrary to Ohio Revised Code Section 124.134 (C), which states in part, that "... no employee shall receive payment for more than eighty-hours of denied vacation leave in a single fiscal year."

In providing the report of investigation to the director of the Ohio Department of Administrative Services, the inspector general has asked for the issuance of a statewide policy to govern the processing and payment of denied vacation leave.

Ohio Inspector General Report of Investigation file number 2015-CA00008 is now available at:  
<http://watchdog.ohio.gov/Investigations/2016Investigations.aspx>

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