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BATON ROUGE -- On May 5, 2010, the State Inspector General's Office issued a report reflecting the results of its review of all positions in the executive branch of state government for possible dual employment. The investigation identified four persons who simultaneously held two full-time government positions. The holding of two or more full-time positions simultaneously within state government or its political subdivisions is prohibited by La. R.S. 42:63.E. In addition, the scheduled hours of the dual positions for these employees overlap, raising questions of whether the employees actually worked all the hours for which they were paid. The annual salary of the lower paying positions for these four employees totals approximately \$177,000.

Inspector General Stephen Street explained: "There are several things wrong with holding two fulltime jobs at the same time with the state and its political subdivisions. First, it's flatly prohibited by law. Second, at a time when state employees are being laid off and their positions eliminated, it erodes the public's confidence in government as a whole. And, third, in at least two specific situations that we identified, individuals took steps to try to conceal their dual employment

status from their employers.” Mr. Street went on to say: “If that weren’t enough, it is a fact of life that when a person is trying to hold down two fulltime jobs, he isn’t at his most productive at either one of those jobs. The taxpayers deserve better.”

In the report, the Inspector General makes two recommendations that, if implemented, should end the dual employment of any of the employees whose status was brought to light, and should result in the repayment of any pay for hours that were not actually worked..

To obtain the full report, follow this link:

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