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H. F. No. 1610

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Crime Prevention Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to the legislature; requiring racial impact screening of certain legislation;  
1.3 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 3.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **[3.99] RACIAL IMPACT SCREENING.**

1.6 Subdivision 1. **No impact statement.** A screening must be conducted by the  
1.7 Sentencing Guidelines Commission on all legislation which may, if enacted, affect the  
1.8 racial composition of the criminal offender population. If the Sentencing Guidelines  
1.9 Commission finds that the legislation will not have a racial impact, a brief statement  
1.10 explaining the result of the screening must be attached to the legislation.

1.11 Subd. 2. **Impact statement.** If the screening indicates that the legislation will affect  
1.12 the racial composition of the criminal offender population, a racial impact statement must  
1.13 be completed and attached to the legislation prior to its passage. The statement must  
1.14 include information concerning the estimated number of criminal cases per year that the  
1.15 legislation will impact, the fiscal impact of confining persons pursuant to the legislation,  
1.16 the impact of the legislation on racial minorities, the impact of the legislation upon existing  
1.17 correctional institutions, community-based correctional facilities and services, and jails,  
1.18 the likelihood that the legislation may create a need for additional prison capacity, and  
1.19 other relevant matters. A description of the effect the legislation may have on victims of  
1.20 crime who are members of racial groups for which data are available must also be included.

1.21 Subd. 3. **Protocol.** The Sentencing Guidelines Commission shall develop a protocol  
1.22 for screening and analyzing the impact of the legislation on the racial composition of  
1.23 the criminal offender population.