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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the preparation of a correctional impact
2 statement and the impact of certain legislation on racial and
3 ethnic minorities.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 2.56, subsection 1, Code 2007, is
1 2 amended to read as follows:
1 3 1. Prior to debate on the floor of a chamber of the
1 4 general assembly, a correctional impact statement shall be
1 5 attached to any bill, joint resolution, or amendment which
1 6 proposes a change in the law which creates a public offense,
1 7 significantly changes an existing public offense or the
1 8 penalty for an existing offense, or changes existing
1 9 sentencing, parole, or probation procedures. The statement
1 10 shall include information concerning the estimated number of
1 11 criminal cases per year that the legislation will impact, the
1 12 fiscal impact of confining persons pursuant to the
1 13 legislation, the impact of the legislation on racial and
1 14 ethnic minorities, the impact of the legislation upon existing
1 15 correctional institutions, community-based correctional
1 16 facilities and services, and jails, the likelihood that the
1 17 legislation may create a need for additional prison capacity,
1 18 and other relevant matters. The statement shall be factual
1 19 and shall, if possible, provide a reasonable estimate of both
1 20 the immediate effect and the long-range impact upon prison
1 21 capacity.
1 22 Sec. 2. Section 2.56, Code 2007, is amended by adding the
1 23 following new subsection:
1 24 NEW SUBSECTION. 4A. The legislative services agency in
1 25 cooperation with the division of criminal and juvenile justice
1 26 planning of the department of human rights shall develop a
1 27 protocol for analyzing the impact of the legislation on racial
1 28 and ethnic minorities.

EXPLANATION

1 30 This bill relates to the preparation of a correctional
1 31 impact statement and the impact of certain legislation on
1 32 racial and ethnic minorities.
1 33 The bill provides that if a correctional impact statement
1 34 is attached to a bill, the correctional impact statement shall
1 35 include the impact of such legislation on racial and ethnic
2 1 minorities. The bill also provides that the legislative
2 2 services agency in cooperation with the division of criminal
2 3 and juvenile justice planning of the department of human
2 4 rights shall develop a protocol for analyzing the impact of
2 5 the legislation on racial and ethnic minorities.
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