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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring a minority impact statement as part of an  
2 application for a grant from a state agency and providing  
3 effective and applicability dates.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 8.11 GRANT APPLICATIONS ==  
1 2 MINORITY IMPACT STATEMENTS.  
1 3 1. Each application for a grant from a state agency shall  
1 4 include a minority impact statement that contains the  
1 5 following information:  
1 6 a. Any disproportionate or unique impact of proposed  
1 7 policies or programs on minority persons in this state.  
1 8 b. A rationale for the existence of programs or policies  
1 9 having an impact on minority persons in this state.  
1 10 c. Evidence of consultation of representatives of minority  
1 11 persons in cases where a policy or program has an identifiable  
1 12 impact on minority persons in this state.  
1 13 2. For the purposes of this section, the following  
1 14 definitions shall apply:  
1 15 a. "Disability" means the same as provided in section  
1 16 15.102, subsection 5, paragraph "b", subparagraph (1).  
1 17 b. "Minority persons" includes individuals who are women,  
1 18 persons with a disability, Blacks, Latinos, Asians or Pacific  
1 19 Islanders, American Indians, and Alaskan Native Americans.  
1 20 c. "State agency" means a department, board, bureau,  
1 21 commission, or other agency or authority of the state of Iowa.  
1 22 3. The office of grants enterprise management shall create  
1 23 and distribute a minority impact statement form for state  
1 24 agencies and ensure its inclusion with applications for  
1 25 grants.  
1 26 4. Each state agency shall give a minority impact  
1 27 statement in a grant application that proposes to have a  
1 28 positive impact on minorities additional weighting when  
1 29 awarding grants.  
1 30 5. The directives of this section shall be carried out to  
1 31 the extent consistent with federal law.  
1 32 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE AND APPLICABILITY DATES. This Act takes  
1 33 effect July 1, 2008, and shall apply to grants for which  
1 34 applications are due beginning August 1, 2008.

### EXPLANATION

2 1 This bill requires that all applications for grants from  
2 2 state agencies include a minority impact statement to be  
2 3 submitted by grant applicants. The minority impact statement  
2 4 shall include three types of information: any  
2 5 disproportionate or unique impact of the proposed policies or  
2 6 programs on the state's minority persons; a rationale for the  
2 7 existence of the programs or policies if they have an impact  
2 8 on minority persons; and evidence that the applicant has  
2 9 consulted with representatives of minority persons if there is  
2 10 such an impact on minority persons.  
2 11 For the purposes of the bill, "minority persons" are  
2 12 identified as women, persons with disabilities, Blacks,  
2 13 Latinos, Asians or Pacific Islanders, American Indians, and  
2 14 Alaskan Native Americans. "Disability" means a physical or  
2 15 mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the  
2 16 major life activities of the individual, a record of physical  
2 17 or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of  
2 18 the major life activities of the individual, or being regarded  
2 19 as an individual with a physical or mental impairment that

2 20 substantially limits one or more of the major life activities  
2 21 of the individual. "State agency" means a department, board,  
2 22 bureau, commission, or other agency or authority of the state  
2 23 of Iowa.

2 24 The office of grants enterprise management is given the  
2 25 authority to create and distribute a minority impact statement  
2 26 form that the state agencies will use in the grant  
2 27 applications. The state agencies are charged with giving  
2 28 grant applications with a minority impact statement that  
2 29 proposes to have a positive impact on minorities additional  
2 30 weighting when awarding grants. The directives of the bill  
2 31 are to be carried out to the extent that they do not interfere  
2 32 with federal law.

2 33 The bill states that use of the minority impact statement  
2 34 shall become applicable for grant applications that are due  
2 35 beginning August 1, 2008.

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