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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act providing for population impact statements on bills,  
2 resolutions, and amendments.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 2.57 Population impact statements.

2 1. Prior to debate on the floor of a chamber of the general  
3 assembly and pursuant to a request as provided in subsection  
4 2, a population impact statement shall be attached to any  
5 bill, joint resolution, or amendment which proposes a change  
6 in the law that creates or may create a disproportionate or  
7 unique impact on a segment of the population of this state.  
8 The statement shall be factual and shall, if possible, provide  
9 a reasonable estimate of both the immediate effect and the  
10 long-range impact on the segment of the population identified  
11 in the statement.

12 2. When a committee of the general assembly reports a bill,  
13 joint resolution, or amendment to the floor, the chairperson of  
14 the committee, or at least one-fifth of the committee members,  
15 may submit a written request to the legislative services agency  
16 to prepare a population impact statement as provided in this  
17 section.

18 3. The legislative services agency shall cause to be  
19 prepared a population impact statement within a reasonable  
20 time after receiving a request as provided in subsection 2.  
21 All population impact statements approved by the legislative  
22 services agency shall be transmitted immediately to either the  
23 chief clerk of the house or the secretary of the senate, after  
24 notifying the sponsor of the legislation that the statement has  
25 been prepared for publication. The chief clerk of the house  
26 or the secretary of the senate shall attach the statement to  
27 the bill, joint resolution, or amendment affected as soon as it  
28 is available.

29 4. The legislative services agency may request the  
30 cooperation of any state department or agency or political  
31 subdivision in preparing a population impact statement.

32 5. A revised population impact statement shall be prepared  
33 if the population impact has been changed by the adoption of  
34 an amendment, and may be requested as provided in subsection  
35 2 or be prepared upon a determination made by the legislative

1 services agency. However, a request for a revised population  
2 impact statement shall not delay action on the bill, joint  
3 resolution, or amendment unless so ordered by the presiding  
4 officer of the chamber.

5 Sec. 2. Section 2A.4, subsection 6, Code 2015, is amended  
6 to read as follows:

7 6. Performance of the duties pertaining to the preparation  
8 of correctional impact statements as provided in section 2.56  
9 and population impact statements as provided in section 2.57.

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EXPLANATION

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The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with

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the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

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This bill requires the legislative services agency to attach  
14 a population impact statement to a bill, joint resolution, or  
15 amendment which proposes a change in the law which creates  
16 a disproportionate or unique impact on a segment of the  
17 population of this state if the chairperson of the applicable  
18 committee, or at least one-fifth of the committee members, so  
19 request. The bill establishes the procedure for requesting,  
20 preparing, and modifying, if necessary, a population impact  
21 statement.