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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for minority impact statements to be attached
2 to appropriations bills and including effective date
3 provisions.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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

2 1. A minority impact statement shall be attached to each
3 appropriation bill prior to debate on the floor of a chamber of
4 the general assembly. The statement shall include information
5 concerning the impact of the legislation upon minority persons
6 in the state, including but not limited to the impact upon
7 economic opportunities, employment, incarceration, educational
8 opportunities, voter rights and voting access, and other
9 relevant matters. The statement shall be factual and shall, if
10 possible, provide a reasonable estimate of both the immediate
11 effect and the long-range impact upon minority persons. The
12 legislative services agency shall develop a protocol for
13 analyzing the impact of legislation on minority persons
14 pursuant to this section. For purposes of this section,
15 "*minority persons*" means the same as defined in section 8.11.

16 2. The legislative services agency shall cause to be
17 prepared a minority impact statement within a reasonable time
18 after an appropriation bill is placed on the calendar of
19 either chamber of the general assembly. All minority impact
20 statements approved by the legislative services agency shall be
21 transmitted immediately to either the chief clerk of the house
22 or the secretary of the senate, after notifying the sponsor
23 of the legislation that the statement has been prepared for
24 publication. The chief clerk of the house or the secretary
25 of the senate shall attach the statement to the bill or joint
26 resolution as soon as it is available.

27 3. The legislative services agency may request the
28 cooperation of any state department or agency or political
29 subdivision in preparing a minority impact statement.

30 4. A revised minority impact statement shall be prepared
31 if the minority impact has been changed by the adoption
32 of an amendment, and may be requested by a member of the
33 general assembly or be prepared upon a determination made by
34 the legislative services agency. However, a request for a
35 revised minority impact statement shall not delay action on the

1 appropriation bill unless so ordered by the presiding officer
2 of the chamber.

3 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate
4 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

5 EXPLANATION

6 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
7 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

8 This bill provides that the legislative services agency
9 shall prepare a minority impact statement for appropriations
10 bills prior to debate. The bill provides that the statement
11 shall include the impact of the legislation upon minority
12 persons in the state, including, but not limited to information
13 regarding economic opportunities, employment, incarceration,
14 educational opportunities, voter rights and voting access, and
15 other relevant matters. A revised minority impact statement
16 shall be prepared if the minority impact has been changed by
17 the adoption of an amendment, and may be requested by a member
18 of the general assembly or be prepared upon a determination
19 made by the legislative services agency. The bill provides
20 that a request for a revised minority impact statement
21 cannot delay legislative action. The bill takes effect upon
22 enactment.