

**House File 2372 - Introduced**

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BY ANDREWS

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to correctional impact statements regarding  
2 minorities who are juveniles.

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

1 Section 1. Section 2.56, subsections 1 and 5, Code 2024, are  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. Prior to debate on the floor of a chamber of the  
4 general assembly, a correctional impact statement shall be  
5 attached to any bill, joint resolution, or amendment which  
6 proposes a change in the law which creates a public offense,  
7 significantly changes an existing public offense or the penalty  
8 for an existing offense, or changes existing sentencing,  
9 parole, or probation procedures. The statement shall include  
10 information concerning the estimated number of criminal cases  
11 per year that the legislation will impact, the fiscal impact  
12 of confining persons pursuant to the legislation, the impact  
13 of the legislation on minorities including minorities who  
14 are juveniles, the impact of the legislation upon existing  
15 correctional institutions, community-based correctional  
16 facilities and services, and jails, the likelihood that the  
17 legislation may create a need for additional prison capacity,  
18 and other relevant matters. The statement shall be factual  
19 and shall, if possible, provide a reasonable estimate of both  
20 the immediate effect and the long-range impact upon prison  
21 capacity.

22 5. The legislative services agency, in cooperation with  
23 the department of health and human services as the agency  
24 responsible for criminal and juvenile justice planning, shall  
25 develop a protocol for analyzing the impact of the legislation  
26 on minorities including minorities who are juveniles.

27 EXPLANATION

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

30 This bill relates to correctional impact statements  
31 regarding minorities who are juveniles.

32 Under current law, a correctional impact statement must  
33 include the impact of legislation which proposes a change  
34 in the law which creates a public offense, significantly  
35 changes an existing public offense or the penalty for an

1 existing offense, or changes existing sentencing, parole, or  
2 probation procedures. The statement must include, among other  
3 factors, information concerning the impact of the legislation  
4 on minorities. The bill specifies the statement must also  
5 include information concerning the impact of the legislation on  
6 minorities who are juveniles.

7 Under current law, the legislative services agency, in  
8 cooperation with the department of health and human services,  
9 is required to develop a protocol for analyzing the impact  
10 of the legislation on minorities. The bill specifies that  
11 the protocol for analyzing the impact of the legislation on  
12 minorities must also include the impact of the legislation on  
13 minorities who are juveniles.