

**House File 491 - Introduced**

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BY ANDREWS

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the preparation of life impact statements.

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

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 2.57 Life impact statement.

2 1. Prior to debate on the floor of a chamber of the general  
3 assembly, a life impact statement shall be attached to any  
4 bill, joint resolution, or amendment which proposes a change  
5 in the law which limits or prohibits abortion. The statement  
6 shall include information concerning the estimated number of  
7 lives that will be saved by the bill, joint resolution, or  
8 amendment and shall include racial demographic information.

9 2. a. When a committee of the general assembly reports  
10 a bill, joint resolution, or amendment to the floor, the  
11 committee shall state in the report whether a life impact  
12 statement is or is not required.

13 b. The legislative services agency shall review all bills  
14 and joint resolutions placed on the calendar of either chamber  
15 of the general assembly, as well as amendments filed to bills  
16 or joint resolutions on the calendar, to determine whether a  
17 life impact statement is required.

18 c. A member of the general assembly may request the  
19 preparation of a life impact statement by submitting a request  
20 to the legislative services agency.

21 3. The legislative services agency shall cause to be  
22 prepared a life impact statement within a reasonable time after  
23 receiving a request or determining that a proposal is subject  
24 to this section. All life impact statements approved by the  
25 legislative services agency shall be transmitted immediately  
26 to either the chief clerk of the house or the secretary of the  
27 senate, after notifying the sponsor of the legislation that the  
28 statement has been prepared for publication. The chief clerk  
29 of the house or the secretary of the senate shall attach the  
30 statement to the bill, joint resolution, or amendment affected  
31 as soon as it is available.

32 4. The legislative services agency may request the  
33 cooperation of any state department or agency or political  
34 subdivision in preparing a life impact statement.

35 5. A revised life impact statement shall be prepared if the

1 life impact has been changed by the adoption of an amendment,  
2 and may be requested by a member of the general assembly or be  
3 prepared upon a determination made by the legislative services  
4 agency. However, a request for a revised life impact statement  
5 shall not delay action on the bill, joint resolution, or  
6 amendment unless so ordered by the presiding officer of the  
7 chamber.

8 EXPLANATION

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

11 This bill relates to the preparation of life impact  
12 statements. Similar to correctional impact statements, the  
13 bill requires that prior to debate on the floor of a chamber of  
14 the general assembly, a life impact statement shall be attached  
15 to any bill, joint resolution, or amendment which proposes a  
16 change in the law which prohibits or limits abortion. The  
17 statement shall include information concerning the estimated  
18 number of lives that will be saved by the bill, joint  
19 resolution, or amendment and shall include racial demographic  
20 information.

21 The bill also requires that when a committee of the general  
22 assembly reports a bill, joint resolution, or amendment to  
23 the floor, the committee shall state in the report whether a  
24 life impact statement is or is not required. The legislative  
25 services agency (LSA) shall review all bills and joint  
26 resolutions placed on the calendar of either chamber, as  
27 well as amendments filed to bills or joint resolutions on  
28 the calendar, to determine whether a life impact statement  
29 is required. Additionally, a member of the general assembly  
30 may request the preparation of a life impact statement by  
31 submitting a request to the LSA. The LSA shall prepare the  
32 life impact statement within a reasonable time after receiving  
33 a request or determining that a proposal is subject to the  
34 bill. The LSA may request the cooperation of any state  
35 department or agency or political subdivision in preparing a

1 life impact statement. The bill provides for revised life  
2 impact statements if the life impact has been changed by the  
3 adoption of an amendment, and a life impact statement may be  
4 requested by a member of the general assembly or be prepared  
5 upon a determination made by the LSA. However, a request for  
6 a revised life impact statement shall not delay action on the  
7 bill, joint resolution, or amendment unless so ordered by the  
8 presiding officer of the chamber.