A bill for an act
relating to the legislature; requiring racial impact screening of certain legislation;
proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 3.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. [3.99] RACIAL IMPACT SCREENING.

Subdivision 1. No impact statement. A screening must be conducted by the Sentencing
Guidelines Commission on all legislation which may, if enacted, affect the racial composition
of the criminal offender population. If the Sentencing Guidelines Commission finds that
the legislation will not have a racial impact, a brief statement explaining the result of the
screening must be attached to the legislation.

Subd. 2. Impact statement. If the screening indicates that the legislation will affect the
racial composition of the criminal offender population, a racial impact statement must be
completed and attached to the legislation prior to its passage. The statement must include
information concerning the estimated number of criminal cases per year that the legislation
will impact, the fiscal impact of confining persons pursuant to the legislation, the impact
of the legislation on racial minorities, the impact of the legislation upon existing correctional
institutions, community-based correctional facilities and services, and jails, the likelihood
that the legislation may create a need for additional prison capacity, and other relevant
matters. A description of the effect the legislation may have on victims of crime who are
members of racial groups for which data are available must also be included.

Subd. 3. Protocol. The Sentencing Guidelines Commission shall develop a protocol for
screening and analyzing the impact of the legislation on the racial composition of the criminal
offender population.