SENTENCING GUIDELINES MODIFICATION.
The Sentencing Guidelines Commission shall comprehen-
sively review and consider modifying how the
Sentencing Guidelines and the sex offender grid address
the crimes described in Minnesota Statutes, sections
617.246 and 617.247, as compared to similar crimes,
including other sex offenses and other offenses with
similar maximum penalties.

—2019 Minn. Laws 1st Sp. Sess. ch. 5, art. 4, § 22
Staff objectives for today’s meeting

• Recap the legislative history of the review mandate
  ... to understand legislative expectations
  ... to appreciate the mandate’s factual, legal, and emotional context

• Review the history and structure of Minnesota’s child pornography laws
  ... to understand exactly what behavior is criminalized
  ... to understand how the existing severity rankings relate to offender misbehavior
  ... potentially, to identify areas for further study with a view toward legislative change

Staff objectives for today’s meeting

• Conduct an overview of the current sex offender grid
  ... and how child pornography offenses are ranked compared to similar crimes
  ... to appreciate what the Guidelines say about the relative seriousness of these crimes

• Review child pornography case data
  ... to understand more about typical offenses, offenders, and sentences
  ... to identify opportunities for better distinguishing different offenders and offenses
Staff objectives for today’s meeting

• Review the 2012 U.S. Sentencing Commission’s child pornography study
  ... to appreciate the complexity of the issues
  ... to gain some ideas about methodology for MSGC’s review
  ... to learn from questions asked and answered by the USSC in 2012

• Explore decision timeline
  ... to spark Commission discussion about next steps
  ... to improve planning for next meetings
  ... to appreciate what options are realistic for 2019 and beyond