

## MEMORANDUM

To: Commission Chair and Members  
From: Nate Reitz, Executive Director  
Date: March 8, 2023

**Subject: Introductions of Bills Directly Related to the MSGC**

The following bills introduced in the 2023 legislative session would alter the duties or authority of the Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission or the application of the Guidelines. These are in addition to the bills I presented to you at your February meeting, and to the bills listed in the accompanying staff paper describing significant crime bills of the session.

- [SF 1059](#) (Limmer) – Hardens existing 3- and 5-year mandatory minimum prison sentences possessing a firearm while committing a listed offense—including possession of a firearm with a “crime of violence” conviction—by making them nonwaivable, with a limited exception for an accomplice who was unaware of the firearm.
- [SF 1960](#) (Dibble)/[HF 2610](#) (Frazier) – MSGC must conduct a racial-impact screening on all bills that may affect the racial composition of the criminal offender population.
- [SF 2028](#) (Limmer)/[HF2399](#) (Johnson) – Hard, nonwaivable mandatory minimum prison terms apply to robbery when the property taken was a motor vehicle (*i.e.*, carjacking).

Although some of these bills were introduced in previous sessions, the Commission has not yet taken a position on any of them. Each bill has been given its first reading and referred to committee, although no hearings have been scheduled. The first deadline for committee passage of non-budget bills is March 10, 2023. The committee deadline for major budget bills is April 4, 2023.