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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy

- 1.1A bill for an act
- 1.2relating to public safety; requiring the Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines
- 1.3Commission to maintain a publicly searchable database; appropriating money;
- 1.4amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 244.09, by adding a subdivision.
- 1.5BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.6Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 244.09, is amended by adding a subdivision
- 1.7to read:
- 1.8Subd. 6a. **Publicly searchable database.** (a) The commission shall maintain a public
- 1.9website with a searchable database that provides the public with information on criminal
- 1.10sentences stayed or imposed by the courts. The website must not include information that
- 1.11is not public data, as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 8a.
- 1.12(b) The website required under paragraph (a) must contain all the information transmitted
- 1.13from the sentencing court to the commission including information in the sentencing
- 1.14worksheet transmitted pursuant to section 609.115, subdivision 2a, and the sentencing order
- 1.15and departure report, if any, sent pursuant to rule 27.03 of the Rules of Criminal Procedure.
- 1.16Data received by the commission must be entered into separate fields in the database.
- 1.17(c) The searchable database must allow a user of the website to:
- 1.18(1) search by individual fields, including but not limited to:
- 1.19(i) case number;
- 1.20(ii) defendant name;
- 1.21(iii) date of offense;

- 2.1 (iv) the judicial district where the sentence was stayed or imposed;
- 2.2 (v) the county where the sentence was stayed or imposed;
- 2.3 (vi) the year in which the sentence was stayed or imposed;
- 2.4 (vii) the judge who stayed or imposed the sentence;
- 2.5 (viii) the crime for which the sentence was stayed or imposed;
- 2.6 (ix) the defendant's criminal history score;
- 2.7 (x) the severity level of the offense for which a sentence was stayed or imposed;
- 2.8 (xi) executed sentences, including the length of sentence imposed and executed;
- 2.9 (xii) stayed sentences, including the length of probation ordered and, if applicable, the
2.10 length of sentence imposed but not executed;
- 2.11 (xiii) whether the sentence was a departure from the Sentencing Guidelines and, if so,
2.12 whether it was an aggravated durational, aggravated dispositional, mitigated durational,
2.13 mitigated dispositional, or hybrid departure; and
- 2.14 (xiv) whether a departure from the Sentencing Guidelines was ordered with prosecutor
2.15 agreement;
- 2.16 (2) perform a search using at least two fields;
- 2.17 (3) sort by each field;
- 2.18 (4) obtain information grouped or aggregated by each field, where groups or subtotals
2.19 are feasible; and
- 2.20 (5) allow the user to download the data into a user-controlled database.

2.21 Sec. 2. **SEARCHABLE PUBLIC DATABASE; APPROPRIATION.**

- 2.22 \$..... in fiscal year 2026 and \$..... in fiscal year 2027 are appropriated from the general
2.23 fund to the Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission to develop and maintain a publicly
2.24 searchable database pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 244.09, subdivision 6a. The
2.25 base for this appropriation is \$..... in fiscal year 2028 and thereafter.