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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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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 meetings of the Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines
- 1.3Commission to be recorded and made available to the public; amending Minnesota
- 1.4Statutes 2024, section 244.09, subdivision 11.
- 1.5BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.6Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 244.09, subdivision 11, is amended to read:
- 1.7Subd. 11. **Modification.** The commission shall meet as necessary for the purpose of
- 1.8modifying and improving the guidelines. The commission must make a visual and audio
- 1.9recording of each meeting and make the recordings available to the public on the
- 1.10commission's website or through a link posted on the website. Any modification which
- 1.11amends the Sentencing Guidelines grid, including severity levels and criminal history scores,
- 1.12or which would result in the reduction of any sentence or in the early release of any inmate,
- 1.13with the exception of a modification mandated or authorized by the legislature or relating
- 1.14to a crime created or amended by the legislature in the preceding session, shall be submitted
- 1.15to the legislature by January 15 of any year in which the commission wishes to make the
- 1.16change and shall be effective on August 1 of that year, unless the legislature by law provides
- 1.17otherwise. All other modifications shall take effect according to the procedural rules of the
- 1.18commission. On or before January 15 of each year, the commission shall submit a written
- 1.19report to the committees of the senate and the house of representatives with jurisdiction
- 1.20over criminal justice policy that identifies and explains all modifications made during the
- 1.21preceding 12 months and all proposed modifications that are being submitted to the legislature
- 1.22that year.
- 1.23EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.