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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 legislative approval of proposed changes to the
- 1.3Sentencing Guidelines; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 244.09,
- 1.4subdivision 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. Any modification which amends the Sentencing
- 1.9Guidelines grid, including severity levels and criminal history scores, or which would result
- 1.10in the reduction of any sentence or in the early release of any inmate, with the exception of
- 1.11a modification mandated or authorized by the legislature or relating to a crime created or
- 1.12amended by the legislature in the preceding session, shall be submitted to the legislature by
- 1.13January 15 of any year in which the commission wishes to make the change and shall be
- 1.14effective on August 1 of that year,~~unless if~~ if the legislature by law provides otherwise adopts
- 1.15or amends the modification. All other modifications shall take effect according to the
- 1.16procedural rules of the commission. On or before January 15 of each year, the commission
- 1.17shall submit a written report to the committees of the senate and the house of representatives
- 1.18with jurisdiction over criminal justice policy that describes the commission's activities over
- 1.19the previous year and identifies and explains all modifications made during the preceding
- 1.2012 months and all proposed modifications that are being submitted to the legislature that
- 1.21year.