

## S.F. No. 3356 – Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Publicly Searchable Database

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**Section 1** requires the Sentencing Guidelines Commission to maintain a public website with a searchable database that provides the public with information on criminal sentences stayed or imposed by the courts. All data included on the database must be public data. The database must allow the user to:

- 1) search by individual fields (14 are listed in the bill);
- 2) perform a search using at least two fields;
- 3) sort by each field;
- 4) obtain information grouped or aggregated by each field, where groups or subtotals are feasible; and
- 5) download the data into a user-controlled database.

**Section 2** of the bill is a blank appropriation from the general fund to the Sentencing Guidelines Commission to develop and maintain the database.

The fiscal note provided by the Sentencing Guidelines estimates the cost of the database to be \$265,000 in FY23, \$289,000 in FY24, and \$87,000 in each subsequent year.