

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to poverty; requiring commissioners to provide a poverty impact  
1.3 statement on bills when requested by a legislator.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **POVERTY IMPACT STATEMENT.**

1.6 At the request of any house of representatives or senate committee chair or ranking  
1.7 minority member, the commissioner of the state department having jurisdiction over  
1.8 the subject matter of the bill shall prepare a poverty impact statement on the bill, if  
1.9 it appears as though its enactment could have a significant impact on the economic  
1.10 well-being of low-income Minnesotans. A significant impact is one that reduces or  
1.11 increases the number of Minnesotans in poverty by at least one-tenth of one percent of the  
1.12 population of Minnesota, as measured by the National Academy of Sciences modernized  
1.13 poverty measure. The commissioner preparing a poverty impact statement shall include  
1.14 an estimate on the change in the number of Minnesotans in poverty using the National  
1.15 Academy of Sciences measure, information about the source of its data, a brief description  
1.16 of the analysis of that data, and any references to research that supports the method of  
1.17 analysis. The analysis must also include impact by race, ethnicity, age, and gender when  
1.18 data is available.