H.247

SHORT FORM

Introduced by Representatives Rachelson of Burlington and Christie of Hartford

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Legislature; Legislative Counsel; racial impact statements

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require that, at the request of the committee to which a bill, resolution, or amendment is referred, the Office of Legislative Counsel prepare a racial impact statement for each proposed bill, resolution, or amendment that impacts pretrial detention, sentencing, probation, or parole, or establishes a new crime or modifies an existing crime or the penalties associated with a crime. The racial impact statements shall include: 1) an assessment of the potential impact of the proposed legislation on racial and ethnic minorities, including whether it is likely to have a disproportionate or unique impact on the racial and ethnic communities in the State and the rationale for the impact; 2) a statistical analysis of how the legislation would affect racial and ethnic minorities; 3) the impact of the legislation on correctional facilities; 4) the anticipated effect of the legislation on public safety in racial and ethnic communities in the State; and 5) an estimate of the number of criminal cases per year that the legislation...
would affect. The bill also proposes to require that the sponsor of the legislation offer an amendment to the bill if the General Assembly finds that proposed legislation has a disparate impact on members of racial minority groups.

An act relating to racial impact statements

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

(TEXT OMITTED IN SHORT-FORM BILLS)