

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 30-19.1:13, relating to racial and*  
3 *ethnic impact statements for criminal justice legislation.*

4 [H 1990]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 30-19.1:13 as follows:**  
8 **§ 30-19.1:13. Racial and ethnic impact statements for criminal justice legislation.**

9 *A. As used in this section:*

10 *"Disparities" means the difference in criminal justice outcomes for a racial or ethnic subgroup*  
11 *compared to their share of the state population.*

12 *"Racial and ethnic impact statement" means a statement created using available data to outline the*  
13 *potential impact of a criminal justice bill on racial and ethnic disparities within the Commonwealth.*

14 *B. At the request of the Chair of the House Committee for Courts of Justice or the Chair of the*  
15 *Senate Committee on the Judiciary, the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission shall review and*  
16 *prepare a racial and ethnic impact statement for a proposed criminal justice bill.*

17 *C. The Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission shall forward copies of the racial and ethnic*  
18 *impact statement prepared pursuant to subsection B to the patron of the bill and the Chair of the House*  
19 *Committee for Courts of Justice or the Chair of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, as appropriate.*

20 *D. No more than three racial and ethnic impact statements may be requested by the Chair of the*  
21 *House Committee for Courts of Justice and no more than three racial and ethnic impact statements may*  
22 *be requested by the Chair of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary for completion during a single*  
23 *regular session of the General Assembly.*

24 *E. Upon the request of the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission, the Office of the*  
25 *Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court, Virginia State Police, Virginia Criminal Sentencing*  
26 *Commission, Department of Corrections, and all other state agencies shall expeditiously provide*  
27 *necessary data and assistance for the preparation of racial and ethnic impact statements.*

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