

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to poverty; creating a pilot project; requiring poverty impact statements.

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

1.4 Section 1. **POVERTY IMPACT STATEMENT PILOT PROJECT.**

1.5 Subdivision 1. **Poverty impact statement.** To the extent of available resources,
1.6 at the request of any house of representatives or senate committee chair or ranking
1.7 minority member, the state demographer in cooperation with the commissioner of the state
1.8 department having jurisdiction over the subject matter of the bill shall prepare a poverty
1.9 impact statement on the bill if it appears as though its enactment could have a significant
1.10 impact on the economic well-being of low-income Minnesotans. A significant impact is
1.11 one that reduces or increases the number of Minnesotans in poverty by at least one-tenth
1.12 of one percent of the population of Minnesota as measured by a National Academy of
1.13 Sciences modernized poverty measure selected by the state demographer. A poverty
1.14 impact statement shall include an estimate on the change in the number of Minnesotans in
1.15 poverty using the National Academy of Sciences measure, information about the source
1.16 of its data, a brief description of the analysis of that data, and any references to research
1.17 that supports the method of analysis. The analysis must also include impact by race,
1.18 ethnicity, age, and gender when data is available.

1.19 Subd. 2. **Resources.** The commissioner of administration may accept donations
1.20 to provide resources to perform the work under subdivision 1. Any funds received are
1.21 appropriated to the commissioner of administration for the purposes of subdivision 1. The
1.22 commissioner may transfer funds received under this section to other agencies preparing
1.23 poverty impact statements.

1.24 Subd. 3. **Expiration.** This section expires December 31, 2012.