

**Bill Summary**  
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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>SB 253</b>
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**Bill Analysis**

SB 253 requires all bills filed in the Senate and House related to creating a new offense, changing an existing offense, changing the penalty for an offense, and changing existing parole procedures to be accompanied by a racial impact statement. Any modifications to a bill requiring a racial impact statement must also be accompanied by a modification to the impact statement. The measure further states that any bill requiring a statement that reaches the floor without such statement shall be referred back to committee by the presiding officer.

The Oklahoma Statistical Analysis Center at the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation will prepare the statement. The statement must include analysis on the number of criminal cases impacted by the bill, effects on minorities, effects on correctional facilities, and other matters deemed relevant to the bill. Authors must consider amending bills that disproportionately affect minorities. If the author does not amend the bill and plans to proceed, he or she must explain their reasoning as to why they are proceeding.

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