

Subject Family impact statement
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Overview

Before sentencing a person convicted of a felony offense, the court must order that a probation officer prepare a presentence investigation report. At a minimum, the report must discuss the defendant's individual characteristics, circumstances, needs, potentials, criminal record, social history, the circumstances of the offense, and the harm caused by the offense. Provisions in section 609.115 require that the report contain additional assessments and information depending on the nature of the charged crime and whether the defendant was serving in, or is a veteran of, the armed forces.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Family impact statement.</p> <p>Requires the court to inquire whether a defendant who has been convicted of a crime is the parent, guardian, or caregiver for a minor child. Permits the court to order that a presentence investigation include a family impact statement discussing the impact the defendant's imprisonment would have on any minor children or other family members. The family impact statement is for the purpose of providing the court with information regarding sentencing options other than a term of imprisonment and the court may consider the family impact statement at sentencing.</p>