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This bill requires that changes to the Sentencing Guidelines receive legislative approval before they take effect. There is no change to the requirement that the Sentencing Guidelines Commission submit proposed changes by January 15th of any year in which the commission wishes to make a change. Currently, the legislature has the power to reject proposed changes, but the changes take effect on August 1st if the legislature does not reject them.