

By: Representatives Ford (73rd), Summers

To: Technology

HOUSE BILL NO. 1535

1 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE REGULATION
2 (AIR) TASK FORCE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE
3 TASK FORCE, INCLUDING EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS; TO SPECIFY THE TASK
4 FORCE'S PURPOSE AND DUTIES AS A REGULATORY SANDBOX; TO DIRECT THE
5 TASK FORCE TO STUDY AND EVALUATE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
6 APPLICATIONS, RISKS AND POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS; TO REQUIRE THAT
7 THE TASK FORCE WILL REPORT ITS FINDINGS AND ANY RECOMMENDATIONS TO
8 THE LEGISLATURE ANNUALLY BY DECEMBER 1; TO AUTHORIZE FUND AND
9 SUPPORT FOR THE TASK FORCE'S WORK; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

11 **SECTION 1.** (1) The Legislature finds that:

12 (a) The State of Mississippi needs to support
13 stakeholders as they gather information and decide what, when,
14 where and how to utilize and oversee the use of artificial
15 intelligence (AI) tools and systems throughout state government;

16 (b) The Legislature acknowledges that artificial
17 intelligence cannot completely replace human creativity or
18 involvement and wishes to promote the responsible use of
19 artificial intelligence tools and systems in a manner that aligns
20 with and is consistent with the state's policies, goals, values
21 and missions while maintaining citizen trust and balancing the



benefits, risks and potential harms of artificial intelligence;
and

(c) As the use of artificial intelligence has implications for state, national and personal security and privacy, it is necessary to ensure the use of artificial intelligence is conducted in a responsible, ethical, transparent and beneficial manner.

(2) There is hereby established the Artificial Intelligence Regulation (AIR) Task Force).

(3) (a) The task force shall consist of the following seven (7) voting members:

(i) The Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House shall each appoint one (1) respective member of the Mississippi Senate and the Mississippi House of Representatives to serve as co-chairs of the task force;

(ii) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services, or his or her designee;

(iii) The Director of the Mississippi Artificial Intelligence Network (MAIN), or his or her designee;

(iv) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security, or his or her designee;

(v) The Adjutant General of the Mississippi National Guard, or his or her designee; and



(vi) The Attorney General of Mississippi, or his or her designee.

(b) The Chairpersons of the Artificial Intelligence Regulation (AIR) Task Force, with the advice and consent of the remaining official executive agency committee members specified in paragraph (a), or their respective designees, may appoint ex-officio nonvoting members to the task force to serve in an advisory capacity for such terms as determined to be at the discretion of the task force. The voting members of the task force, upon a majority of its membership, present and voting, and spread upon its minutes, may reduce or expand the number of ex-officio members who may serve, provided that such members are deemed necessary to provide expertise or access to resources involving AI and are representative of:

(i) Workforce development, who possesses expert knowledge of and experience with AI technology;

(ii) Elementary and secondary education, public or private, who possesses expert knowledge of and experience with AI technology;

(iii) Four-year postsecondary education, public or private, who possesses expert knowledge of and experience with AI technology;

(iv) Two-year postsecondary education, public or proprietary, who possesses expert knowledge of and experience with AI technology;



(v) Healthcare, who possesses expert knowledge of and experience with AI technology;

(vi) Private business entity, who possesses expert knowledge of and experience with AI technology, including, but not limited:

1. Data storage and management;
2. Cloud computing infrastructure;
3. Computer power provided by graphic processing units, tensor processing units and quantum computing;

4. Data processing and preparation through data cleaning, data integration and ETL (extract, transform and load) processes;

5. AI algorithms and frameworks;
6. AI software and applications;
7. Data security and privacy;
8. AI governance and ethical frameworks;
9. Integration with business processes;
10. Training and talent development; and

(vii) Automation and manufacturing;

(viii) Ethics and transparency;

(ix) Agriculture; and

(x) Entertainment.

(4) The Legislative members named by the Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House of Representatives shall serve as co-chairs of the AIR Task Force. The task force must meet within



15 fifteen (15) days of the effective date of this act upon the call
16 of the co-chairs, and at its first meeting shall elect any
17 officers from among its membership as it deems necessary for the
18 efficient discharge of the task force's duties.

19 (5) The task force shall adopt rules and regulations
20 governing times and places for meetings and governing the manner
21 of conducting its business. A majority of the members shall
22 constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting any business of
23 the task force, and a majority vote of all members present shall
24 be required for any recommendations to the Legislature.

25 (6) The task force shall serve as a regulatory sandbox,
26 responsible for balancing innovation and public interest while
27 endeavoring to mitigate risks and unintended consequences of AI
28 and its regulation. The task force shall:

29 (a) Facilitate and evaluate through comprehensive
30 review, the development of tentative drafts of any necessary
31 proposed revisions to the Mississippi Code involving the
32 regulation of artificial intelligence technologies, which may or
33 may not include the following:

34 (i) Fostering innovation by providing an
35 environment for businesses and organizations to develop and test
36 AI systems under relaxed regulatory constraints;

37 (ii) Regulatory oversight of the designing,
38 testing and refinement of regulations to ensure responsible AI
39 deployment;



(iii) Stakeholder collaboration to bridge communication and idea-exchanges between developers, policymakers and the public to align AI innovation with ethical and societal goals; and

(iv) Any other areas as deemed necessary by the task force.

(b) Review laws, policies and procedures concerning the use of artificial intelligence established by the United States Congress and other state legislatures, if any, and compile a list of recommendations to include in the report required by this act. The review shall focus on, but not be limited to focusing on:

(i) Privacy and data protection;

(ii) Development of a framework for AI testing;

(iii) Compliance with ethical standards which enforce adherence to fairness, accountability, transparency, disclosures and promoting equitable outcomes;

(iv) Assessment of risk and benefits which measure the societal and economic impact of AI innovations;

(v) Liability;

(vi) Constituent and consumer impact;

(vii) Bias and social impact; and

(viii) Copyright and provenance.

(c) Consider implementation and use of artificial intelligence in government and state agencies and compile a list of recommendations to include in the report required by this act;



(d) Consider ways to allocate funding for development and use of artificial intelligence in the state and draft proposals accordingly to include in the report required by this act; and

(e) Any other issues related to artificial intelligence that the task force finds appropriate to address.

(7) Members of the task force shall receive a per diem in the amount provided in Section 25-3-69 for each day engaged in the business of the task force. Members of the task force other than the legislative members shall receive reimbursement for travel expenses incurred while engaged in official business of the task force in accordance with Section 25-3-41 and the legislative members of the task force shall receive the expense allowance provided for in Section 5-1-47.

(8) The Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review shall provide necessary clerical support for the meetings of the task force and the preparation of the report, with assistance from the clerical and legal staff of the Mississippi House of Representatives and the Mississippi Senate.

(9) The task force is authorized to apply for and accept gifts, grants, subsidies and other funds from person, corporations, foundations, the United States government or other entities, and the receipt of any gifts, grants, subsidies or funds shall be reported and otherwise accounted for in the manner



provided by law. If financial subsidies are sufficient, the task force may hire additional contract staff to support its work.

(10) In the furtherance of its duties, the task force will consider the term "artificial intelligence" to have the meaning set forth in 15 USCS Section 9401(3): a machine-based system that can, for a given set of human-defined objectives, make predictions, recommendations or decisions influencing real or virtual environments. Artificial intelligence systems use machine- and human-based inputs to perceive real and virtual environments; abstract such perceptions into models through analysis in an automated manner; and use model inference to formulate options for information or action.

(11) The task force may request the assistance of the Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review, the legal staffs of the Mississippi House of Representatives and the Mississippi Senate, or any other related organization with expertise in domestic relations.

(12) The work of the task force described in this act relates to sensitive matters of security. Notwithstanding any other law, the meetings work and findings of the commission as described in this act are not subject to the requirements of Chapters 41 or 61 of Title 25, Mississippi Code of 1972.

(13) The task force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature annually not later than December 1 each year, and shall dissolve in December 31, 2027.



196 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
197 and after its passage.

