SENATE BILL NO. 2426

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; TO DIRECT THE TASK FORCE TO STUDY AND
5 EVALUATE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE APPLICATIONS, RISKS AND POLICY
6 RECOMMENDATIONS; TO REQUIRE THAT THE TASK FORCE WILL REPORT ITS
7 FINDINGS AND ANY RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE LEGISLATURE ANNUALLY; TO
8 AUTHORIZE FUNDS AND SUPPORT FOR THE TASK FORCE'S WORK; AND FOR
9 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 the best means

14 to utilize and oversee artificial intelligence (AI) tools and

15 systems used by the State of Mississippi's governing bodies;

16   (b) The Legislature acknowledges that artificial

17 intelligence cannot replace human creativity and involvement and

18 so promotes responsibly using AI tools and systems while aligning

19 and adhering to the state's long term policies, goals, values and

20 missions while maintaining citizen trust and balancing the

21 benefits, risks and potential dangers of artificial intelligence;

22 and

23   (c) As the use of artificial intelligence has

24 implications for state, national and personal security and

25 privacy, the use of artificial intelligence must be conducted in a

26 responsible, ethical, transparent and beneficial manner.

27   (2) There is hereby established the Artificial Intelligence

28 Regulation (Air) Task Force.

29   (3) (a) The task force shall consist of the following seven

30 (7) voting members:

31   (i) The Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the

32 House shall each appoint one (1) respective member of the

33 Mississippi Senate and the Mississippi House of Representatives to

34 serve as co-chairs of the task force;

35   (ii) The Executive Director of the Mississippi

36 Department of Information Technology Services, or his or her

37 designee;

38   (iii) The Director of the Mississippi Artificial

39 Intelligence Network (MAIN), or his or her designee;

40   (iv) The Executive Director of the Mississippi

41 Office of Homeland Security, or his or her designee;

42   (v) The Adjutant General of the Mississippi

43 National Guard, or his or her designee; and

44   (vi) The Attorney General of Mississippi, or his

45 or her designee.

46		(b) The Chairpersons of the Artificial Intelligence

47	Regulation (AIR) Task Force, with the advice and consent of the

48	remaining official executive agency committee members specified in

49	paragraph (a), or their respective designees, may appoint

50	ex-officio nonvoting members to the task force to serve in an

51	advisory capacity for such terms to be determined at the

52	discretion of the task force. The voting members of the task

53	force, upon a majority of its membership, present and voting, and

54	spread upon its minutes, may reduce or expand the number of

55	ex-officio members who may serve, provided that such members are

56	deemed necessary to provide expertise or access to resources

57	involving AI technology and are representative of:

58			(i) Workforce development, who possesses expert

59	knowledge of and experience with AI technology;

60			(ii) Elementary and secondary education, public or

61	private, who possesses expert knowledge of and experience with AI

62	technology;

63			(iii) Four-year postsecondary education, public or

64	private, who possesses expert knowledge of and experience with AI

65	technology;

66			(iv) Two-year postsecondary education, public or

67	proprietary, who possesses expert knowledge of and experience with

68	AI technology;

69			(v) Healthcare, who possesses expert knowledge of

70	and experience with AI technology;

71   (vi) Private business entity, who possesses expert

72 knowledge of and experience with AI technology, including, but not

73 limited to:

74   1. Data storage and management;

75   2. Cloud computing infrastructure;

76   3. Computer power provided by graphic

77 processing units, tensor processing units and quantum computing;

78   4. Data processing and preparation through

79 data cleaning, data integration and ETL (extract, transform and

80 load) process;

81   5. AI algorithms and frameworks;

82   6. AI software and applications;

83   7. Data security and privacy;

84   8. AI governance and ethical frameworks;

85   9. Integration with business processes;

86   10. Training and talent development; and

87   (vii) Automation and manufacturing;

88   (viii) Ethics and transparency;

89   (ix) Agriculture; and

90   (x) Entertainment.

91 (4) The Legislative members named by the Lieutenant Governor

92 and Speaker of the House of Representatives shall serve as

93 co-chairs of the AIR Task Force. The task force must meet within

94 fifteen (15) days of the effective date of this act upon the call

95 of the co-chairs, and at its first meeting shall elect any

96 officers from among its members as it deems necessary for the

97 efficient discharge of the task force's duties.

98   (5) The task force shall adopt rules and regulations

99 governing times and places for meetings and governing the manner

100 of conducting its business. A majority of the members shall

101 constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting any business of

102 the task force, and a majority vote of all members present shall

103 be required for any recommendations to the Legislature.

104   (6) The task force shall be responsible for balancing

105 innovation and public interest while endeavoring to mitigate risks

106 and unintended consequences of AI and its regulation. The task

107 force shall:

108   (a) Facilitate and evaluate through comprehensive

109 review, develop tentative drafts of any necessary proposed

110 revisions to the Mississippi Code involving the regulation of AI

111 technologies, which may or may not include the following:

112   (i) Fostering innovation by providing an

113 environment for businesses and organizations to develop and test

114 AI systems under relaxed regulatory constraints;

115   (ii) Regulatory oversight of the designing,

116 testing and refinement of regulations to ensure responsible AI

117 deployment;

118   (iii) Collaborating with stakeholders to bridge

119 communication and idea exchanges between developers, policymakers

120 and the public to align AI innovation with ethical and societal

121 goals; and

122   (iv) Any other areas as deemed necessary by the

123 task force.

124   (b) Review laws, policies and procedures concerning the

125 use of AI technology established by the United States Congress and

126 other state legislatures, if any, and compile a list of

127 recommendations to include in the report required by this act.

128 The review shall focus on, but not be limited to focusing on:

129   (i) Privacy and data protection;

130   (ii) Development for a framework for AI testing;

131   (iii) Compliance with ethical standards which

132 enforce adherence to fairness, accountability, transparency,

133 disclosures and promoting equitable outcomes;

134   (iv) Assessment of risk and benefits which

135 measures the societal and economic impact of AI innovations;

136   (v) Liability;

137   (vi) Constituent and consumer impact;

138   (vii) Bias and social impact; and

139   (viii) Copyright and provenance.

140   (c) Consider implementation and use of artificial

141 intelligence in state government agencies and compile a list of

142 recommendations of best practices and potential uses for AI

143 technologies in government to include in the report required by

144 this act;

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

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

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

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

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

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

172   (10) The term "artificial intelligence" has the meaning set
173 forth in 15 USC § 9401(3): a machine-based system that can, for a
174 given set of human-defined objectives, make predictions,
175 recommendations or decisions influencing real or virtual
176 environments. Artificial intelligence systems use machine- and
177 human-based inputs to perceive real and virtual environments;
178 abstract such perceptions into models through analysis in an
179 automated manner; and use model inference to formulate options for
180 information or action.

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

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

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

194   **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from

195 and after its passage.

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