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House Bill 5490

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1   A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,

2   designated §5A-6-9, related to creating a "Generative AI and Natural Language

3   Processing Task Force."

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE   6.   OFFICE   OF   TECHNOLOGY

§5A-6-9. Generative AI and Natural Language Processing Task Force.

1   (a) As used in this Section, "Task Force" means the Generative AI and Natural Language

2   Processing Task Force established by this section.

3   (b) The Governor's Office shall establish the Generative AI and Natural Language

4   Processing Task Force. The Task Force shall investigate and provide a report on generative

5   artificial intelligence software and natural language processing software.

6   (c) The Task Force shall be composed of all of the following members:

7   (1) Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates, who shall serve as

8   a co-chairperson. There shall be one member from each major political party.

9   (2) Two members appointed by the President of the Senate, who shall serve as a co-

10   chairperson. There shall be one member from each major political party.

11   (3) The Chief Information Office of the Office of Technology or his or her designee.

12   (4) The State Superintendent of Schools or his or her designee.

13   (5) The Chancellor of the Board of Higher Education or his or her designee.

14   (6) Two experts on cybersecurity, appointed by the Governor.

15   (7) Two experts on artificial intelligence, appointed by the Governor. One expert shall be

16   from the artificial intelligence industry and the other shall be a lawyer with experience legal matters

17   concerning the same.

18   (8) One member of statewide business associations, appointed by the Governor.

19   (9) One member from the West Virginia Fusion Center.

20   (10) One member from the West Virginia Purchasing Division.

21   (11) The Attorney General or his or her designee.

22   (d) The Task Force shall hold at least quarterly meetings in a hybrid format, with both virtual

23   and in-person options to attend.

24   (e) The responsibilities of the Task Force shall include all of the following:

25   (1) Recommending legislation or regulations to protect consumer information as it relates

26   to generative artificial intelligence;

27   (2) Recommending model policies for schools to address the use of generative artificial

28   intelligence by students in the classroom;

29   (3) Assessing the use of generative artificial intelligence to improve delivery of public

30   services and inform state purchasing decisions;

31   (4) Protecting civil rights and liberties of individuals and consumers as it relates to

32   generative artificial intelligence;

33   (5) Assessing the use of generative artificial intelligence in the workforce and how this

34   could affect employment levels, types of employment, and the deployment of workers;

35   (6) Assessing the challenges of generative artificial intelligence for cybersecurity; and

36   (7) Other topics related to generative artificial intelligence software and natural language

37   processing software that may arise from testimony or reports to the Task Force submitted by its

38   members, invited guests, or the public.

39   (f) The Office of Technology shall provide administrative and technical support to the Task

40   Force.

41   (g) The Task Force shall file a report by July 1, 2025, with the Governor and the Legislature

42   covering the Task Force's investigation into generative artificial intelligence software and natural

43   language processing software and the Task Force's responsibilities under subsection (e).

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to create a "Generative AI and Natural Language Processing Task Force."

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.