

CHAPTER 678

An Act to direct the Joint Commission on Technology and Science to examine the use of artificial intelligence by public bodies in the Commonwealth and the creation of a Commission on Artificial Intelligence; report.

[S 487]

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. *§1. That the Joint Commission on Technology and Science (JCOTS) shall, in consultation with relevant stakeholders, conduct an analysis of the use of artificial intelligence by public bodies in the Commonwealth and the creation of a Commission on Artificial Intelligence. The analysis shall include an examination of proper policies and procedures regarding artificial intelligence systems to (i) govern the procurement, implementation, and ongoing assessment of any such system by a public body; (ii) ensure that no such system results in any unlawful discrimination or unlawful disparate impact against any individual or group of individuals; and (iii) require a public body to assess the likely impact of using any such system and perform ongoing assessments to ensure that the use of any such system does not result in any such unlawful discrimination or disparate impact. The analysis shall also include an assessment of creating a Commission on Artificial Intelligence to advise the General Assembly on issues related to artificial intelligence, the proper composition of such a commission, and the proper duties of the commission in accordance with the provisions of clauses (i), (ii), and (iii). JCOTS shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Chairmen of the House Committees on Appropriations and Communications, Technology and Innovation and the Senate Committees on Finance and Appropriations and General Laws and Technology no later than December 1, 2024.*