SENATE BILL 2678 By White

HOUSE BILL 2747

By Vaughan

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, relative to the "Tennessee Artificial Intelligence Advisory Council Act."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. This act is known and may be cited as the "Tennessee Artificial Intelligence Advisory Council Act."

SECTION 2.

As used in this act:

(1) "Advisory council" means the Tennessee artificial intelligence advisory council; and

(2) "Artificial intelligence" means models and systems capable of

performing functions generally associated with human intelligence, including reasoning and learning.

SECTION 3.

(a) There is created the Tennessee artificial intelligence advisory council.

(b) The advisory council is composed of nineteen (19) members and may

consist of up to twenty-one (21) members, as follows:

(1) The commissioner of economic and community development or the commissioner's designee;

(2) The commissioner of labor and workforce development or the commissioner's designee;

(3) The commissioner of education or the commissioner's designee;

(4) The attorney general and reporter or a designee with knowledge of legal matters related to artificial intelligence technology;

(5) The chief technology officer for the state or the officer's designee;

(6) The administrative head of the Tennessee office of homeland security or the administrative head's designee;

(7) One (1) member of the house of representatives, to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

(8) One (1) member of the senate, to be appointed by the speaker of the senate;

(9) Two (2) representatives of local government interests, to be appointed by the governor;

(10) Two (2) representatives of higher education interests, to be appointed by the governor;

(11) Two (2) representatives of workforce development interests, to be appointed by the governor;

(12) Two (2) representatives of the business community involved in sectors likely impacted by artificial intelligence, to be appointed by the governor;

(13) Two (2) representatives of artificial intelligence developers or experts, to be appointed by the governor;

(14) One (1) representative of academics with a concentration in technology policy, to be appointed by the governor; and

(15) If the governor determines it is necessary to appoint additional members, up to two (2) other persons, to be appointed by the governor.(c)

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(1) The governor shall appoint one (1) member to serve as chair of the advisory council.

(2) In the event of a vacancy on the advisory council, the chair shall notify the respective appointing authority, who shall then appoint a person to fill the vacancy.

(3) The chair shall call all meetings and the advisory council shall meet at least four (4) times per calendar year. The chair may establish subcommittees of the advisory council's members as necessary to ensure the council's effective and efficient operation.

(4) The advisory council is attached to the department of finance and administration for administrative purposes.

SECTION 4.

(a) The advisory council shall submit an action plan to the governor addressing how to:

 Position this state competitively to ensure its citizens capture the full economic benefit from artificial intelligence opportunities; and

(2) Responsibly leverage artificial intelligence to improve the efficiency of state and local government services.

(b) No later than June 30, 2025, the chair shall submit to the governor, the speaker of the senate, and the speaker of the house of representatives a report containing, at a minimum, the following findings:

 (1) The current state of artificial intelligence and its likely impact on this state's labor market conditions;

(2) How the labor market impact might reshape this state's key industries, occupations, and foundational skillsets;

(3) Initiatives to stimulate economic growth, create jobs, and enhance talent development in the face of artificial intelligence-related changes;

(4) Recommend legal regulations or policy changes needed to ensure the responsible and ethical use of artificial intelligence in this state, while protecting the rights of Tennessee citizens;

(5) Ways to encourage artificial intelligence innovation and entrepreneurship and strategies to support workers displaced by artificial intelligence; and

(6) Proposed policy changes related to workforce development, educational systems, and research opportunities for colleges and universities in this state.

(c) No later than September 30, 2025, the chair shall deliver to the governor, the speaker of the senate, and the speaker of the house of representatives a final report containing, at a minimum, the following findings:

(1) Principles and values to guide artificial intelligence use in state and local governments;

(2) Governance framework with policies, procedures, and processes for the development, deployment, and use of artificial intelligence by state and local governments;

 (3) Evaluation of potentially beneficial use cases for deployment of artificial intelligence tools and strategies by the state to improve government services;

(4) Risk analysis of potential threats to this state's key infrastructure from artificial intelligence technologies; and

(5) Recommendations on how this state can support state and local

government employees through the artificial intelligence transition.

SECTION 5.

(a) Members of the advisory council receive no compensation for their service but must be reimbursed for official travel expenses in accordance with the comprehensive travel regulations as promulgated by the department of finance and administration.

(b) All state departments and agencies shall cooperate with the advisory council in carrying out its duties and shall provide support or other assistance as reasonably requested. The advisory council may consult with other persons and organizations with expertise related to artificial intelligence, government infrastructure, and economic development.

SECTION 6. This act is repealed on September 30, 2025.

SECTION 7. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.