

# SENATE BILL 655

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By: **Senator Hester**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Courts – Artificial Intelligence Evidence Clinic Pilot Program – Establishment**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing an Artificial Intelligence Evidence Clinic Pilot Program  
4 within the Administrative Office of the Courts; requiring the Administrative Office  
5 of the Courts to ~~issue a request for proposals to select an entity to conduct the~~  
6 ~~Program and requiring the Administrative Office of the Courts to give preference to~~  
7 ~~certain entities in the selection process~~ develop a grant application for the Program  
8 and award grants to eligible institutions of higher education; authorizing the  
9 Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation to the Program and  
10 establishing a certain limitation on the expenditure of appropriated funds; and  
11 generally relating to the Artificial Intelligence Evidence Clinic Pilot Program.

12 BY adding to

13 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

14 Section 13–101.2

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

20 **13–101.2.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
2 INDICATED.

3 (2) "ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN §  
4 3.5-801 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

5 (3) "OFFICE" MEANS THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS.

6 (4) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE EVIDENCE  
7 CLINIC PILOT PROGRAM.

8 (B) THERE IS AN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE EVIDENCE CLINIC PILOT  
9 PROGRAM IN THE OFFICE.

10 (C) (1) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE EXPERTISE IN  
11 ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TO THE CIRCUIT COURTS AND THE DISTRICT COURT IN  
12 THE FORM OF EXPERT TESTIMONY ON THE AUTHENTICITY OF ELECTRONIC  
13 EVIDENCE THAT A COURT DETERMINES MAY HAVE BEEN CREATED OR ALTERED  
14 USING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.

15 (2) THE PROGRAM SHALL ENGAGE COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY  
16 STUDENTS, RECENT GRADUATES, AND FACULTY AND TECHNOLOGY PROFESSIONALS  
17 DEDICATED TO THE RESEARCH AND ADVANCEMENT OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE  
18 IN ORDER TO DEVELOP EXPERT WITNESS RESOURCES FOR COURTS TO USE IN CASES  
19 IMPLICATING THE USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.

20 (3) THE PROGRAM SHALL PRIORITIZE CIVIL CASES IN WHICH ONE OR  
21 MORE PARTIES DO NOT HAVE LEGAL REPRESENTATION OR REASONABLE ACCESS TO  
22 EXPERT TESTIMONY.

23 (D) ~~(1) THE OFFICE SHALL ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE~~  
24 ~~PROGRAM TO SELECT AN ENTITY TO MANAGE THE PROGRAM.~~

25 ~~(2) AT A MINIMUM, THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS SHALL:~~

26 ~~(i) STATE WITH SPECIFICITY THE GOALS OF THE PROGRAM;~~

27 ~~AND~~

28 ~~(ii) STATE WITH SPECIFICITY THE OBJECTIVES AND~~  
29 ~~PERFORMANCE CRITERIA THAT WILL BE USED TO MEASURE THE SUCCESS OF THE~~  
30 ~~PROGRAM, INCLUDING AN ENTITY'S WILLINGNESS TO:~~

31 ~~1. LIST THE CLINIC AS A FOR-CREDIT COURSE; AND~~

