

# SENATE BILL 375

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By: **Senator Watson**

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **County Boards of Education – Artificial Intelligence Training Program –**  
3 **Requirement**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Education to develop or approve an  
5 artificial intelligence training program for members of county boards of education  
6 that meets certain requirements; requiring each member of a county board to  
7 complete a certain artificial intelligence training program each year; and generally  
8 relating to an artificial intelligence training program for members of county boards  
9 of education.

10 BY adding to  
11 Article – Education  
12 Section 4–148  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2025 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
16 Article – State Finance and Procurement  
17 Section 3.5–801(a) and (c)  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

20 Preamble

21 WHEREAS, Rapid advances in artificial intelligence technology continue to  
22 transform education; and

23 WHEREAS, Recent federal actions, including Executive Order 14277, Advancing  
24 Artificial Intelligence Education for American Youth, issued by President Donald J. Trump  
25 on April 23, 2025, establish a national priority to responsibly implement artificial  
26 intelligence technology in educational settings; and

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



WHEREAS, County boards of education are tasked with making decisions to solve complex problems regarding the use of artificial intelligence technology in the State's public schools, including student privacy concerns; and

WHEREAS, Members of county boards of education need foundational and continuing training to successfully implement the safe, equitable, and strategic use of artificial intelligence technology in the State's public schools; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

### **Article – Education**

**4–148.**

**(A) IN THIS SECTION, “ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 3.5–801 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.**

**(B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP OR APPROVE AN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TRAINING PROGRAM FOR MEMBERS OF COUNTY BOARDS THAT INCLUDES:**

**(1) A FOUNDATIONAL TRAINING; AND**

**(2) CONTINUING ANNUAL TRAINING.**

**(C) (1) THE FOUNDATIONAL TRAINING REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION SHALL CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING CURRICULUM COMPONENTS:**

**(I) FUNDAMENTALS OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, INCLUDING THE CAPABILITIES, LIMITATIONS, AND RISKS OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE;**

**(II) ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TECHNOLOGY USE POLICY DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING SAFETY AND ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS BY AGE AND GRADE LEVEL;**

**(III) STUDENT PRIVACY AND DATA PROTECTION LAWS; AND**

**(IV) ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TECHNOLOGY PROCUREMENT GUIDELINES AND OVERSIGHT.**

1                   **(2) THE CONTINUING ANNUAL TRAINING REQUIRED UNDER**  
2 **SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION SHALL CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING CURRICULUM**  
3 **COMPONENTS:**

4                   **(I) A SUMMARY OF THE TOPICS COVERED IN THE**  
5 **FOUNDATIONAL TRAINING; AND**

6                   **(II) DEVELOPMENTS IN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**  
7 **TECHNOLOGY, EVOLVING BEST PRACTICES FOR USE IN EDUCATIONAL SETTINGS,**  
8 **AND NEW GUIDANCE.**

9                   **(D) THE TRAINING PROGRAM DEVELOPED OR APPROVED BY THE**  
10 **DEPARTMENT UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE OFFERED:**

11                   **(1) IN PERSON, ONLINE, OR IN A HYBRID FORMAT; AND**

12                   **(2) BY AN ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROFESSIONAL**  
13 **DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION OF MEMBERS OF COUNTY BOARDS.**

14                   **(E) (1) (I) WITHIN 1 YEAR AFTER THE FIRST DAY OF A COUNTY BOARD**  
15 **MEMBER'S TERM OF OFFICE, THE MEMBER SHALL COMPLETE THE FOUNDATIONAL**  
16 **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TRAINING REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS**  
17 **SECTION.**

18                   **(II) A MEMBER OF A COUNTY BOARD IN OFFICE ON JULY 1,**  
19 **2026, SHALL COMPLETE THE FOUNDATIONAL ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TRAINING**  
20 **REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2027.**

21                   **(2) ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30 OF EACH YEAR OF A COUNTY BOARD**  
22 **MEMBER'S TERM AFTER COMPLETION OF THE FOUNDATIONAL TRAINING, THE**  
23 **MEMBER SHALL COMPLETE THE CONTINUING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TRAINING**  
24 **REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.**

25                   **(F) (1) ON COMPLETION OF THE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TRAINING**  
26 **REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION, A MEMBER OF A COUNTY BOARD SHALL SUBMIT A**  
27 **COPY OF THE MEMBER'S CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION TO:**

28                   **(I) THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNTY BOARD ON WHICH THE**  
29 **MEMBER SERVES; AND**

30                   **(II) THE DEPARTMENT.**

(2) A COUNTY BOARD OR THE DEPARTMENT MAY ESTABLISH PROCESSES TO AUTOMATICALLY RECORD A COUNTY BOARD MEMBER'S COMPLETION OF THE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TRAINING REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION IN PLACE OF THE SUBMISSION REQUIREMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PUBLISH A REPORT ON ITS WEBSITE LISTING ANY MEMBER OF A COUNTY BOARD WHO DID NOT COMPLETE THE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TRAINING REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION DURING THE PRIOR YEAR.

(G) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2028, AND EACH OCTOBER 1 EVERY 2 YEARS THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TRAINING PROGRAM FOR MEMBERS OF COUNTY BOARDS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION.

#### Article – State Finance and Procurement

3.5–801.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(c) “Artificial intelligence” means a machine–based system that:

(1) can, for a given set of human–defined objectives, make predictions, recommendations, or decisions influencing real or virtual environments;

(2) uses machine and human–based inputs to perceive real and virtual environments and abstracts those perceptions into models through analysis in an automated manner; and

(3) uses model inference to formulate options for information or action.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2026.