

SENATE BILL 597

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By: ~~Senator Hester~~ **Senators Hester, Attar, Brooks, Feldman, Harris, Kagan, Simonaire, and Watson**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – Maryland Artificial Intelligence Partnership**

3 FOR the purpose of ~~altering the Cyber Warrior Diversity Program to include training~~
4 ~~students in artificial intelligence~~, establishing the Maryland Artificial Intelligence
5 Partnership in the University System of Maryland to provide a single nexus for
6 certain stakeholders in artificial intelligence initiatives to advance artificial
7 intelligence in the State by carrying out certain duties; establishing the Artificial
8 Intelligence Public Service Fellowship in the University System of Maryland;
9 establishing, subject to a certain condition, the Artificial Intelligence Incubation Lab
10 in the University System of Maryland to assist State agencies to accelerate the
11 responsible use of artificial intelligence by carrying out certain duties; requiring the
12 Department of Information Technology to provide certain guidance and support to
13 the Lab; requiring the Center for Equitable Artificial Intelligence and Machine
14 Learning Systems at Morgan State University to support State agencies on certain
15 uses of artificial intelligence by carrying out certain research; ~~renaming the~~
16 ~~Cybersecurity Public Service Scholarship Program to be the Emerging Technology~~
17 ~~Public Service Scholarship Program~~; ~~adding artificial intelligence to the scope of~~
18 ~~eligibility for the Scholarship Program~~; and generally relating to developing the use
19 of artificial intelligence in the State.

20 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~

21 ~~Article Education~~

22 ~~Section 11-1402, 18-3501(e), 18-3502, 18-3503(b)(2), (f)(2), and (g), and~~

23 ~~18-3504(a)(1) and (b)(2)~~

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 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
2 ~~(2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)~~

3 BY adding to
4 Article – Education
5 Section ~~12–124, 12–125~~, through 12–126 and 14–111
6 Annotated Code of Maryland
7 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – Education
10 Section ~~14–101(c), 18–3501(a), and 18–3503(b)(1)~~
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
14 Article – State Finance and Procurement
15 Section ~~3.5–806(a) and (b)~~
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

18 BY adding to
19 Article – State Finance and Procurement
20 Section ~~3.5–806(f)~~
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

23 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
24 Article – State Finance and Procurement
25 Section ~~3.5–806(f)~~
26 Annotated Code of Maryland
27 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

28 Preamble

29 WHEREAS, Artificial intelligence is expected to transform every sector of the
30 economy, create new industries, and significantly expand economic output, thus making
31 artificial intelligence skill development and workforce readiness essential for Maryland’s
32 future competitiveness; and

33 WHEREAS, Broad deployment of artificial intelligence tools will generate demand
34 for new technical and analytical skills, thus creating opportunities for high-paying jobs and
35 career pathways that require education and retraining across industries; and

36 WHEREAS, The federal AI Action Plan prioritizes expanded artificial intelligence
37 literacy and training to help workers successfully transition into artificial
38 intelligence-driven roles; and

1 WHEREAS, Coordinated efforts to build robust artificial intelligence ecosystems,
2 including strategic public-private partnerships and access to training resources, are
3 essential to foster innovation and economic growth; and

4 WHEREAS, The federal AI Action Plan calls for expanding access to critical
5 computing resources, removing barriers to innovation, and strengthening U.S. leadership
6 in artificial intelligence research and development; and

7 WHEREAS, Aligning State strategies with national goals, such as enhancing
8 workforce development in emerging technology fields, accelerating artificial intelligence
9 adoption in public and private sectors, and expanding opportunities for artificial
10 intelligence education and training, will support Maryland's economic development and
11 position the State as a leader in the future economy; now, therefore,

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

14 Article – Education

15 ~~11-1402.~~

16 ~~(a) There is a Cyber Warrior Diversity Program at:~~

17 ~~(1) Baltimore City Community College;~~

18 ~~(2) Bowie State University;~~

19 ~~(3) Coppin State University;~~

20 ~~(4) Morgan State University;~~

21 ~~(5) The University of Maryland Eastern Shore; and~~

22 ~~(6) The University of Maryland Baltimore County Training Centers that~~
23 ~~are located in the State.~~

24 ~~(b) The purpose of each Program is to train students in computer networking~~
25 ~~[and], cybersecurity, AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.~~

26 ~~(c) The governing entity at each institution is responsible for administering the~~
27 ~~Program at that institution.~~

28 ~~(d) On or before July 1 each year, beginning in 2024, the Commission, in~~
29 ~~consultation with the Cybersecurity Association of Maryland, Inc., shall, if applicable,~~
30 ~~expand the Program to accommodate any changes in certification trends identified under §~~
31 ~~10-496 of the Economic Development Article.~~

1 12-124.

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

4 (2) "HUB" MEANS A MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY EXTENSION HUB.

5 (3) "PARTNERSHIP" MEANS THE MARYLAND ARTIFICIAL
6 INTELLIGENCE PARTNERSHIP.

7 (4) "PLAN" MEANS THE MARYLAND STATE ARTIFICIAL
8 INTELLIGENCE STRATEGIC PLAN.

9 (B) (1) THERE IS A MARYLAND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
10 PARTNERSHIP IN THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND.

11 (2) THE PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP IS TO PROVIDE A SINGLE
12 NEXUS FOR STAKEHOLDERS IN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE INITIATIVES TO ADVANCE
13 THE INNOVATION, ECONOMIC GROWTH, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, AND PUBLIC
14 GOOD ACROSS THE STATE.

15 (3) THE PARTNERSHIP SHALL:

16 (I) CONNECT, ACCELERATE, AND SCALE ARTIFICIAL
17 INTELLIGENCE INITIATIVES;

18 ~~(II) ENSURE ALIGNMENT OF THE STATE'S ARTIFICIAL~~
19 ~~INTELLIGENCE EFFORTS TO PREVENT FRAGMENTATION;~~

20 ~~(III)~~ LEVERAGE RESOURCES TO INCREASE THE STATE'S
21 ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE-TRAINED WORKFORCE AND TO INTEGRATE THE USE OF
22 ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN STATE GOVERNMENT;

23 ~~(IV)~~ (III) IDENTIFY AND PURSUE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES
24 ACROSS ALL RESOURCES, INCLUDING FEDERAL, STATE, INDUSTRY, AND
25 PHILANTHROPIC ENTITIES; AND

26 ~~(V)~~ (IV) ESTABLISH MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY EXTENSION
27 HUBS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION.

1 (4) IN CARRYING OUT THE POWERS AND DUTIES GRANTED UNDER
2 THIS SECTION, THE PARTNERSHIP SHALL ~~WORK IN CONSULTATION AND~~
3 ~~COLLABORATION~~ CONSULT WITH:

4 (I) STATE AGENCIES;

5 (II) INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE;

6 (III) THE MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
7 CENTER; AND

8 (IV) THE LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARDS.

9 (5) THERE IS A DIRECTOR IN THE PARTNERSHIP.

10 (c) (1) (i) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2026, THE PARTNERSHIP
11 SHALL DEVELOP A STRATEGIC PLAN.

12 (ii) THE PLAN SHALL INCLUDE ~~METRICS~~:

13 1. METRICS FOR THE GOALS OF INCREASING THE CORE
14 AREAS OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE LITERACY, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT,
15 BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, AND RESEARCH AND INNOVATION;

16 2. A BUSINESS PLAN AND TIMELINE FOR THE
17 DEVELOPMENT OF HUBS, INCLUDING NECESSARY FUNDING AND PARTNERSHIPS,
18 AND HOW TO PROVIDE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE SKILLS TRAINING TO
19 INDIVIDUALS AT LITTLE OR NO COST;

20 3. A BUSINESS PLAN AND TIMELINE FOR THE
21 DEVELOPMENT OF THE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE INCUBATION LAB UNDER §
22 12-126 OF THIS SUBTITLE, TO BE ESTABLISHED IN CONSULTATION WITH THE
23 GOVERNOR'S ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE SUBCABINET ESTABLISHED UNDER §
24 3.5-806 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE;

25 4. AN ANALYSIS OF SCHOLARSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP
26 NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPAND ACCESS AND WORKFORCE EXPERIENCE
27 OPPORTUNITIES IN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE; AND

28 5. A BUSINESS PLAN AND MODEL FOR THE
29 PARTNERSHIP TO ENSURE SUSTAINED IMPACT.

1 (2) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2027, AND EACH DECEMBER 1
2 THEREAFTER, THE PARTNERSHIP SHALL SUBMIT A PROGRESS REPORT ON
3 ACHIEVING THE PLAN.

4 (3) THE PARTNERSHIP SHALL SUBMIT THE REPORTS REQUIRED
5 UNDER THIS SUBSECTION TO:

6 (I) THE GOVERNOR; AND

7 (II) IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE
8 GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

9 (D) (1) (I) THE PARTNERSHIP SHALL, ~~IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE~~
10 ~~MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR,~~ ESTABLISH MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY
11 EXTENSION HUBS IN STRATEGIC LOCATIONS.

12 (II) TO THE EXTENT CONSISTENT AND PRACTICABLE WITH THE
13 MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND RESOURCES,
14 THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR MAY COLLABORATE WITH THE
15 PARTNERSHIP ON ESTABLISHING THE HUBS.

16 ~~(II)~~ (III) THE HUBS SHALL PRIORITIZE ARTIFICIAL
17 INTELLIGENCE BUT MAY BROADEN TO ADDITIONAL SECTORS AS APPROPRIATE.

18 (2) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 15, ~~2026~~ 2027, THERE SHALL BE ONE
19 HUB IN EACH OF THREE REGIONS OF THE STATE ESTABLISHED ON A PILOT BASIS.

20 (3) EACH HUB SHALL:

21 (I) ACT AS A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT TO CONNECT SMALL
22 BUSINESSES WITH CRITICAL ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE RESOURCES;

23 (II) PARTNER WITH ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING A
24 COMMUNITY COLLEGE, LOCAL EMPLOYERS, SMALL BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS, AND
25 COMMUNITY ORGANIZERS; AND

26 (III) FACILITATE REMOTE, CLOUD-BASED ACCESS TO CRITICAL
27 INFRASTRUCTURE, INCLUDING LEVERAGING THE SIGNIFICANT COMPUTING POWER
28 OF COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES; ~~AND~~

29 ~~(IV) PROVIDE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE SKILLS TRAINING TO~~
30 ~~INDIVIDUALS AT NO CHARGE, INCLUDING THROUGH COURSES AND~~
31 ~~CREDIT-BEARING CREDENTIALS.~~

1 12-125.

2 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "FELLOWSHIP" MEANS THE ARTIFICIAL
3 INTELLIGENCE PUBLIC SERVICE FELLOWSHIP.

4 (B) THERE IS AN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE PUBLIC SERVICE
5 FELLOWSHIP IN THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND THAT IS IN ALIGNMENT
6 WITH THE MARYLAND STATE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE STRATEGIC PLAN UNDER
7 § 12-124 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

8 (C) THE PURPOSE OF THE FELLOWSHIP IS TO MATCH STUDENTS ENROLLED
9 IN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION WITH STATE AGENCIES TO
10 ADDRESS ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE PROJECTS.

11 (D) THE FELLOWSHIP MAY INCLUDE A MECHANISM BY WHICH A STATE
12 AGENCY, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND
13 MANAGEMENT, MAY REPURPOSE FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE FELLOWSHIP.

14 (E) THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND SHALL CONSULT WITH THE
15 DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT AND THE GOVERNOR'S ARTIFICIAL
16 INTELLIGENCE SUBCABINET ESTABLISHED UNDER § 3.5-806 OF THE STATE
17 FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS
18 SECTION.

19 12-126.

20 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "LAB" MEANS THE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
21 INCUBATION LAB.

22 (B) (1) ~~THERE~~ SUBJECT TO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
23 BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND AND THE DEPARTMENT OF
24 BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT, THERE IS AN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE INCUBATION
25 LAB IN THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND.

26 (2) THE PURPOSE OF THE LAB IS TO ASSIST STATE AGENCIES TO
27 ACCELERATE THE RESPONSIBLE USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE BY HELPING
28 STATE AGENCIES TO DISCOVER, DEVELOP, AND APPLY PROTOTYPES AND MANAGE
29 RISK OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE SOLUTIONS.

30 ~~(3) IN COORDINATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION~~
31 ~~TECHNOLOGY, THE LAB SHALL:~~

32 ~~(4) SUPPORT STATE AGENCIES TO:~~

~~1 1. IDENTIFY AREAS OF OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY
2 ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE SOLUTIONS AND PRIORITIZE CHALLENGES FOR
3 ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND RELATED EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES;~~

~~4 2. SUPPORT THE DISCOVERY AND DEVELOPMENT OF
5 ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE APPLICATIONS, AGENTIC SYSTEMS, AND INTERFACES;
6 AND~~

~~7 3. DEVELOP PROTOTYPES AND PROOFS OF CONCEPTS
8 FOR MODERNIZATION EFFORTS;~~

~~9 (H) MATCH STATE AGENCIES WITH UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF
10 MARYLAND FACULTY, RESEARCHERS, AND STUDENTS WITH EXPERTISE; AND~~

~~11 (HH) SUPPORT THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION
12 TECHNOLOGY'S ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM TO PROVIDE A PROVING
13 GROUND FOR EXPERIMENTATION OF HOW TO APPLY ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
14 TECHNOLOGY WITHIN STATE AGENCIES.~~

~~15 (C) (1) THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SHALL
16 PROVIDE POLICY GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT FOR INTEGRATING THE WORK OF THE
17 LAB INTO STATE AGENCIES.~~

~~18 (2) THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MAY
19 PROVIDE FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE LAB.~~

20 (C) THE LAB MAY CONSULT WITH THE GOVERNOR'S ARTIFICIAL
21 INTELLIGENCE SUBCABINET ESTABLISHED UNDER § 3.5-806 OF THE STATE
22 FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

23 (D) THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SHALL PROVIDE
24 POLICY GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT FOR INTEGRATING THE WORK OF THE LAB INTO
25 STATE AGENCIES, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE.

26 14-101.

27 (c) (1) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

28 (2) "Board of Regents" means the Board of Regents of Morgan State
29 University.

30 (3) "University" means Morgan State University.

1 14-111.

2 (A) THE CENTER FOR EQUITABLE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND
3 MACHINE LEARNING SYSTEMS AT THE UNIVERSITY SHALL SERVE AS A STATEWIDE
4 RESOURCE AND COORDINATING HUB TO SUPPORT STATE AGENCIES ON THE
5 PRODUCTIVE, SECURE, AND ETHICAL USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN THE
6 STATE.

7 (B) (1) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, THE GOVERNOR'S
8 ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE SUBCABINET ESTABLISHED UNDER § 3.5-806 OF THE
9 STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE MAY REQUEST THAT THE CENTER
10 FOR EQUITABLE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND MACHINE LEARNING SYSTEMS
11 COMPLETE A RESEARCH REQUEST THAT THE CENTER SHALL COORDINATE AND
12 LEAD, COLLABORATING WITH OTHERS AS NEEDED.

13 (2) THE CENTER FOR EQUITABLE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND
14 MACHINE LEARNING SYSTEMS SHALL:

15 (I) COORDINATE AND LEAD THE RESEARCH;

16 (II) COLLABORATE WITH OTHER ENTITIES AS NEEDED;

17 (III) SUMMARIZE THE RESEARCH CONDUCTED; AND

18 (IV) SUMMARIZE ANY CONCLUSIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
19 RESULTING FROM THE RESEARCH.

20 (3) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 OF THE YEAR FOLLOWING THE
21 RESEARCH REQUEST, THE CENTER FOR EQUITABLE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
22 AND MACHINE LEARNING SYSTEMS SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT THAT CONTAINS THE
23 INFORMATION LISTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION TO:

24 (I) THE GOVERNOR'S ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
25 SUBCABINET ESTABLISHED UNDER § 3.5-806 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND
26 PROCUREMENT ARTICLE; AND

27 (II) IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE
28 GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON CYBERSECURITY,
29 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, AND BIOTECHNOLOGY ESTABLISHED UNDER §
30 2-10A-13 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

31 ~~18-3501~~

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

1 (e) ~~“Program” means the [Cybersecurity] EMERGING TECHNOLOGY Public~~
 2 ~~Service Scholarship Program.~~

3 ~~18-3502.~~

4 (a) ~~There is a scholarship program known as the [Cybersecurity] EMERGING~~
 5 ~~TECHNOLOGY Public Service Scholarship Program in the State.~~

6 (b) ~~The purpose of the Program is to support students who are pursuing an~~
 7 ~~education in programs that [are] PROVIDE CORE SKILLS directly relevant to cybersecurity~~
 8 ~~OR ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.~~

9 ~~18-3503.~~

10 (b) ~~An individual may apply to the Office for a scholarship under this subtitle if~~
 11 ~~the individual:~~

12 (1) ~~Is eligible for in-State tuition;~~

13 (2) ~~Except as provided in subsection (f) of this section, is a student who:~~

14 (i) ~~Is enrolled full time at an eligible institution in an approved~~
 15 ~~degree or certificate program that is directly relevant to cybersecurity OR ARTIFICIAL~~
 16 ~~INTELLIGENCE; and~~

17 (ii) ~~Is within 3 years of graduation from the individual’s degree or~~
 18 ~~certificate program;~~

19 (f) (2) ~~Each recipient of a scholarship under this subtitle may hold the award~~
 20 ~~for 6 years if the recipient:~~

21 (i) ~~Is a part-time student;~~

22 (ii) ~~Continues to be eligible for in-State tuition under this article;~~
 23 ~~and~~

24 (iii) ~~Continues to be a student at the institution and takes at least 6~~
 25 ~~semester hours of courses each semester leading to a degree or certificate that is directly~~
 26 ~~relevant to cybersecurity OR ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.~~

27 (g) ~~The Department shall provide information on the Program to high school~~
 28 ~~students who participate in career and technology education programs related to~~
 29 ~~cybersecurity OR ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.~~

30 ~~18-3504.~~

1 ~~(a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, for 1 year for~~
 2 ~~each year that the recipient receives a scholarship under this subtitle, a scholarship~~
 3 ~~recipient shall:~~

4 ~~(i) Work in the State in the cybersecurity OR ARTIFICIAL~~
 5 ~~INTELLIGENCE field for a:~~

6 ~~1. A. Local education agency;~~

7 ~~B. Public high school; or~~

8 ~~C. Community college; or~~

9 ~~2. Unit of:~~

10 ~~A. State government;~~

11 ~~B. County government; or~~

12 ~~C. City or municipal government; or~~

13 ~~(ii) Teach in the State in an education program that is directly~~
 14 ~~relevant to cybersecurity OR ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE in:~~

15 ~~1. A public high school; or~~

16 ~~2. A community college.~~

17 ~~(b) In accordance with § 18-112 of this title, a scholarship recipient shall repay~~
 18 ~~the Commission the funds received under this subtitle if the recipient does not:~~

19 ~~(2) Complete an approved degree or certificate program that is directly~~
 20 ~~relevant to cybersecurity OR ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE at an eligible institution; and~~

21 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

22 3.5-806.

23 (a) There is a Governor’s Artificial Intelligence Subcabinet of the Governor’s
 24 Executive Council.

25 (b) The purpose of the Subcabinet is to facilitate and enhance cooperation among
 26 units of State government, in consultation with academic institutions and industries
 27 utilizing artificial intelligence.

1 **(F) THE SUBCABINET MAY REQUEST RESEARCH TO BE COMPLETED UNDER**
2 **§ 14–111 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.**

3 **[(f)] (G)** The Governor shall provide the Subcabinet with sufficient resources to
4 perform the functions of this section.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
6 1, 2026.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.