

## House Bill 956

Date: February 18, 2025 Committee: Economic Matters

Position: Favorable

Founded in 1968, the Maryland Chamber of Commerce is the leading voice for business in Maryland. We are a statewide coalition of more than 7,000 members and federated partners working to develop and promote strong public policy that ensures sustained economic health and growth for Maryland businesses, employees, and families.

House Bill 956 establishes the Workgroup on Artificial Intelligence (AI) Implementation and requires the workgroup to establish recommendations regarding the regulation of AI used in decisions that significantly impact the livelihood and life opportunities of individuals in the State. Additionally, HB 956 requires the workgroup to make recommendations regarding deployer and developer obligations related to labor and employment, protection of individual privacy rights, protection of consumer rights, and current private sector use of AI.

Al is a new and evolving industry that has the potential to benefit all Marylanders. As such, the Maryland Chamber supports studying Al implementation and regulation before broad policies are established that could deter Al investment and creation in Maryland. For this reason, the Maryland Chamber of Commerce respectfully requests a **favorable report** on **HB 956**.