

HB 1506 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **1506**

AN ACT creating an exception to the restricted uses of artificial intelligence by state agencies.

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COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

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ANALYSIS

This bill authorizes commissioners or heads of state agencies to apply for an exception to the restricted uses for which artificial intelligence may be used by state agencies. This bill also directs the commissioner of the department of information technology to create a procedure for processing and accepting requested exceptions, with the final decision on approval being made by the executive council.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six*

AN ACT creating an exception to the restricted uses of artificial intelligence by state agencies.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1 1 New Section; Exemptions and Exceptions. Amend RSA 5-D by inserting after section 6 the  
2 following new section:

3 5-D:7 Exemptions and Exceptions. The commissioner or head of any state agency may request  
4 an exception to the applicability of this chapter. Such requests shall include the state agency's  
5 purpose for needing the exception and any other information required by the department of  
6 information technology, pursuant to RSA 21-R:4, XXII. Upon approval of the request by the  
7 commissioner of the department of information technology, the request shall then be submitted to  
8 the executive council for a final decision on approval.

9 2 Procedure. The department of information technology shall establish a procedure for  
10 commissioners or heads of state agencies to submit requests for an exception to the applicability of  
11 RSA 5-D within 30 days of this act taking effect. Such procedure shall require the request specify a  
12 purpose for needing the exception.

13 3 New Paragraph; Procedure for Requested Artificial Intelligence Exceptions; Duty to Establish  
14 Procedure. Amend RSA 21-R:4 by inserting after paragraph XXI the following new paragraph:

15 XXII. Establish a procedure for the commissioners or heads of state agencies to submit  
16 requests for an exception to the applicability of RSA 5-D. Such procedure shall require the request  
17 specify a purpose for needing the exception.

18 4 New Section; Artificial Intelligence Exceptions; Decision Making Authority. Amend RSA 4 by  
19 inserting after section 48 the following new section:

20 4:49 Artificial Intelligence Exceptions; Decision Making Authority. The executive council shall  
21 review requests for an exception to the applicability of RSA 5-D and determine whether an exception  
22 shall be accepted or denied.

23 5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.