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SENATE BILL

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AN ACT relative to the use of information technology and artificial intelligence systems by state agencies.

SPONSORS: Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21; Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13; Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5; Sen. Long, Dist 20; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Rep. Simpson, Rock. 33; Rep. Telerski, Hills. 11

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Changes the advice the commissioner of the department of information technology receives from the information technology council.

II. Allows the commissioner to establish an artificial intelligence-related advisement committee.

III. Requires the commissioner to submit an annual report detailing state agency use of artificial intelligence systems.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

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

1 1 Department of Information Technology; Information Technology Council. RSA 21-R:6, I is
2 repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

3 I. There is established an information technology council to advise the commissioner on the
4 following:

5 (a) Statewide strategic technology plans.

6 (b) Outsourcing relationships, including those involving the purchase, lease, or rent of
7 technology equipment and vendor contract terms.

8 (c) Computer systems consolidation.

9 (d) Implementation of centralized services.

10 (e) Changes in information technology resources.

11 (f) Statewide information technology policies and standards.

12 (g) Budgeting for information technology.

13 (h) The security of data shared with the federal government, methods to improve state
14 data security practices, and suggested legislation, policies, and procedures to limit data sharing
15 when its confidentiality cannot be assured.

16 (i) The development, procurement, deployment, and use of artificial intelligence systems
17 by state agencies, including:

18 (1) Compliance with RSA 5-D, the department's code of ethics for artificial
19 intelligence systems, and safeguards for the right of privacy guaranteed by part I, article 2-b of the
20 New Hampshire constitution;

21 (2) Opportunities to improve government efficiency, transparency, and
22 accountability through artificial intelligence; and

23 (3) The effects of artificial intelligence on the state workforce, including training
24 needs and changes to employment patterns.

25 2 Department of Information Technology; Technical Committees. RSA 21-R:7 is repealed and
26 reenacted to read as follows:

27 21-R:7 Technical Committees.

28 I. The commissioner may establish technical committees to advise him or her on technical
29 issues relating to, but not limited to:

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- 1 (a) Hardware, software, and telecommunications standards.
- 2 (b) Information technology planning processes.
- 3 (c) Development of statewide policies and procedures.
- 4 (d) Emerging Internet and intranet technologies.
- 5 (e) E-government strategy and deployment.
- 6 (f) Wide area network efficiencies.
- 7 (g) Cybersecurity.
- 8 (h) Cloud technologies or strategies.
- 9 (i) Artificial intelligence technologies, including generative artificial intelligence,
- 10 automated decision systems, and machine learning.

11 II. Personnel from all 3 branches of state government with expertise and knowledge in the
12 applicable subject areas shall be represented on each committee.

13 3 New Section; Department of Information Technology; Artificial Intelligence Inventory and
14 Annual Report. Amend RSA 21-R by inserting after section 9-a the following new section:

15 21-R:9-b Artificial Intelligence Inventory and Annual Report.

16 I. The commissioner shall maintain a current inventory of all artificial intelligence systems,
17 as defined in RSA 5-D:1, deployed by executive branch agencies. The inventory shall include, for
18 each system, the name and vendor, the agencies using the system, a brief description of its purpose
19 and function, whether the system is used in making decisions affecting the rights or benefits of
20 individuals, and the date of deployment. The inventory shall be posted on the department's website
21 and updated not less than annually.

22 II. On or before October 1 of each year, the commissioner, in consultation with the
23 information technology council, shall submit a report to the president of the senate, the speaker of
24 the house of representatives, the senate clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library.
25 The report shall satisfy the annual reporting requirement of RSA 5-D:5, III. The report shall
26 include:

- 27 (a) A summary of the inventory maintained under paragraph I, including any changes
28 from the prior year;
- 29 (b) An assessment of agency compliance with RSA 5-D;
- 30 (c) A summary of efficiency gains, cost savings, or service improvements attributable to
31 artificial intelligence deployment;
- 32 (d) Any incidents involving the unauthorized use or disclosure of personal information
33 by an artificial intelligence system;
- 34 (e) The effects of artificial intelligence on workforce composition and training needs; and
35 (f) Recommendations for legislation, policy changes, or additional safeguards.

1 III. For the first report submitted under this section, the commissioner may limit the
2 inventory and efficiency data to information reasonably available and shall establish baseline
3 metrics against which subsequent reports shall measure progress.

4 4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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SB 657-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Budget Assistant states this bill has no fiscal impact on state, county
and local expenditures or revenue.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

None