



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5497**

February Session, 2026



**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE EFFECTS OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ON THE TRADES INDUSTRY.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force  
2 to study the effects of the use of artificial intelligence on the trades  
3 industry. Such study shall include, but need not be limited to, an  
4 examination of (1) job displacement of employees in the trades industry  
5 as a result of artificial intelligence being used in the trades industry, and  
6 (2) current coursework and curriculum of the Technical and Education  
7 Career System regarding the use of artificial intelligence.

8 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

9 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

10 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

11 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
12 Representatives;

13 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

14 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
15 Representatives;

- 16 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;
- 17 (7) The Labor Commissioner, or the commissioner's designee;
- 18 (8) The executive director of the Technical Education and Career  
19 System;
- 20 (9) The Chief Workforce Officer, or the officer's designee; and
- 21 (10) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development,  
22 or the commissioner's designee.
- 23 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),  
24 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member  
25 of the General Assembly.
- 26 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later  
27 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall  
28 be filled by the appointing authority.
- 29 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro  
30 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from  
31 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule  
32 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty  
33 days after the effective date of this section.
- 34 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
35 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor and  
36 public employees shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.
- 37 (g) Not later than January 1, 2027, the task force shall submit a report  
38 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of  
39 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor  
40 and public employees, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-  
41 4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that  
42 it submits such report or January 1, 2027, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In Subsec. (a)(1), "as a result of artificial intelligence being used in the trades industry" was added for clarity.

**LAB**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*