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"AN ACT CONCERNING ONLINE SAFETY."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) As used in this section:

4 (1) "Artificial intelligence technology" means any computer system,
5 application or other product that uses or incorporates one or more forms

6 of artificial intelligence, as defined in section 17 of this act;

7 (2) "Consumer" means an individual who is a resident of this state;

8 (3) "Person" means an individual, association, corporation, limited
9 liability company, partnership, trust or other legal entity;

10 (4) "Subscription" means an agreement between a subscription-based
11 provider and a consumer under which the subscription-based provider
12 offers an artificial intelligence technology to the consumer in exchange
13 for a fee, remuneration or compensation of any kind from the consumer;
14 and

15 (5) "Subscription-based provider" means a person doing business in
16 the state who provides, or offers to provide, an artificial intelligence
17 technology to a consumer pursuant to a subscription.

18 (b) (1) No subscription-based provider shall enter into or renew a
19 subscription with a consumer, or collect any fee, remuneration or
20 compensation of any kind from a consumer for an initial subscription or
21 subscription renewal, unless:

22 (A) The subscription-based provider has provided to the consumer a
23 written notice disclosing the key terms and conditions of the
24 subscription; and

25 (B) The consumer has provided to the subscription-based provider a
26 written notice disclosing that the consumer has accepted the key terms
27 and conditions of the subscription.

28 (2) The written notice required under subparagraph (A) of
29 subdivision (1) of this subsection shall, at a minimum, set forth:

30 (A) In the case of an initial subscription, material information that is
31 sufficient to enable a reasonable consumer to decide whether to
32 purchase or maintain the subscription, which information shall include,
33 but need not be limited to:

34 (i) Any quantitative or qualitative limitations the subscription-based
35 provider may impose under the terms of such subscription, including,
36 but not limited to, any such limitations the subscription-based provider
37 may impose in response to conduct by the consumer under such
38 subscription; and

39 (ii) Whether the subscription-based provider has discretion to limit
40 or eliminate the consumer's access to, or reduce the quantity or quality
41 of, any functionality of the artificial intelligence technology offered
42 under such subscription; and

43 (B) In the case of a subscription renewal:

44 (i) Any quantitative or qualitative limitations described in
45 subparagraph (A)(i) of this subdivision that (I) will be imposed for the
46 first time during the subscription renewal term, or (II) were imposed for
47 the immediately preceding subscription term but have been modified
48 for the subscription renewal term; and

49 (ii) Any discretion described in subparagraph (A)(ii) of this
50 subdivision that the subscription-based provider (I) will be able to
51 exercise for the first time during the subscription renewal term, or (II)
52 was able to exercise during the immediately preceding subscription
53 term but has been modified for the subscription renewal term.

54 (c) Any violation of the provisions of subsection (b) of this section
55 shall constitute an unfair or deceptive trade practice for the purposes of
56 subsection (a) of section 42-110b of the general statutes and shall be
57 enforced solely by the Attorney General. The provisions of section 42-
58 110g of the general statutes shall not apply to any such violation.
59 Nothing in this section shall be construed as providing the basis for a
60 private right of action.

61 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) As used in this section:

62 (1) "Catastrophic risk" (A) means any foreseeable and material risk
63 that the development, storage, use or deployment of a frontier model by

64 a frontier developer will materially contribute to the death of, or serious
65 injury to, more than fifty individuals, or more than one billion dollars in
66 damage to covered property, or the loss of more than one billion dollars
67 of covered property, arising from any single incident in which the
68 frontier model (i) provides expert-level assistance in the creation or
69 release of a chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear weapon, or (ii)
70 engages in any conduct, with no meaningful human oversight,
71 intervention or supervision, that constitutes a cyberattack or, if an
72 individual had engaged in such conduct, would constitute the crime of
73 murder, assault, extortion or theft, including, but not limited to, theft by
74 false pretense, and (B) does not include any foreseeable and material
75 risk posed by (i) any information that a foundation model outputs if
76 such information is otherwise publicly accessible, in a substantially
77 similar form, from any source other than the foundation model, (ii) any
78 lawful activity of the federal government, or (iii) any combination of a
79 foundation model with other software if the foundation model did not
80 materially increase such risk;

81 (2) "Covered employee" means any employee of a frontier developer
82 who is responsible for assessing, managing or addressing the risk of (A)
83 any unauthorized access to, or modification or exfiltration of, the model
84 weights of a foundation model that causes (i) any death or bodily injury,
85 or (ii) any damage to, or loss of, covered property, (B) any harm due to
86 the materialization of any catastrophic risk, (C) any loss of control over
87 a foundation model that results in any death or bodily injury, or (D) any
88 use of a deceptive technique by a foundation model against its frontier
89 developer that (i) subverts the frontier developer's control over, or
90 monitoring of, the foundation model, (ii) demonstrates any materially
91 increased catastrophic risk, and (iii) occurs outside of the context of an
92 evaluation that is designed to elicit such use;

93 (3) "Covered property" means tangible or intangible property, but
94 does not include equity;

95 (4) "Cyberattack" means to (A) access a computer, information system
96 or network, or any information stored thereon or transmitted thereby,

97 without authorization or in a manner that exceeds granted
98 authorization, and (B) impair the integrity or availability of data, a
99 program, a system or information;

100 (5) "Deployment" (A) means making any foundation model available
101 to a third party for use, modification, copying or combination with other
102 software, and (B) does not include making any foundation model
103 available to a third party for the primary purpose of developing or
104 evaluating such foundation model;

105 (6) "Employee" has the same meaning as provided in section 31-51m
106 of the general statutes;

107 (7) "Foundation model" means any engineered or machine-based
108 system that (A) varies in its level of autonomy, (B) can, for any explicit
109 or implicit objective, infer from the inputs such system receives how to
110 generate outputs that can influence physical or virtual environments,
111 (C) is trained on a broad data set, (D) is designed for generality of
112 output, and (E) is adaptable to a wide range of distinctive tasks;

113 (8) "Frontier developer" means any person doing business in the state
114 who intends to train, initiates the training of or trains a foundation
115 model and, in doing so, uses, or intends to use, a quantity of computing
116 power that is greater than ten to the twenty-sixth power integer or
117 floating-point operations, inclusive of any computing power used for
118 original training and for any fine-tuning, reinforcement learning or
119 other material modifications such person applies to a preceding
120 foundation model;

121 (9) "Large frontier developer" means any frontier developer who
122 together with all persons who either directly or indirectly through one
123 or more intermediaries control, are controlled by or are under common
124 control with such frontier developer had annual gross revenues in
125 excess of five hundred million dollars for the most recently completed
126 calendar year;

127 (10) "Model weights" means the numerical parameters in a

128 foundation model that are adjusted through training and help
129 determine how inputs are transformed into outputs; and

130 (11) "Person" means any individual, association, corporation, limited
131 liability company, partnership, trust or other legal entity.

132 (b) No frontier developer shall make, adopt, enforce or enter into any
133 rule, regulation, policy or contract that provides that:

134 (1) The frontier developer may discharge, discipline or otherwise
135 penalize any employee of such frontier developer because such
136 employee has engaged in any activity set forth in subsection (b) of
137 section 31-51m of the general statutes; or

138 (2) Any person with authority over a covered employee, or any other
139 covered employee who has authority to investigate, discover or correct
140 an issue reported by the covered employee, may discipline or retaliate
141 against such covered employee if such covered employee has
142 reasonable cause to believe that an issue reported by such covered
143 employee indicates that such frontier developer has engaged in any
144 activity that poses a specific and substantial danger to the public health
145 or safety due to a catastrophic risk.

146 (c) (1) Not later than January 1, 2027, each large frontier developer
147 shall establish and maintain a reasonable internal process through
148 which (A) a covered employee of such large frontier developer may
149 anonymously submit a report to such large frontier developer disclosing
150 any information that the covered employee believes, in good faith,
151 indicates that such large frontier developer has engaged in any activity
152 that poses a specific and substantial danger to the public health or safety
153 due to a catastrophic risk, and (B) such large frontier developer shall
154 provide reasonable updates to each covered employee who submits a
155 report under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision disclosing (i) the
156 status of the investigation such large frontier developer has undertaken
157 in response to such report, and (ii) the actions such large frontier
158 developer has taken in response to such report.

159 (2) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision,
160 each report submitted under subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of this
161 subsection, and each reasonable update provided pursuant to
162 subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection, shall be shared
163 with the officers and directors of the large frontier developer at least
164 quarterly.

165 (B) If a covered employee has alleged wrongdoing by an officer or
166 director of the large frontier developer in a report submitted under
167 subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of this subsection, neither such
168 report nor any reasonable update provided in response to such report
169 pursuant to subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall
170 be shared with such officer or director.

171 (d) Each frontier developer shall provide to all of its covered
172 employees clear notice of such covered employees' rights and
173 responsibilities under this section by, at a minimum:

174 (1) Ensuring that (A) a notice is posted and displayed at all times
175 within any workplace maintained by such frontier developer disclosing
176 the rights of covered employees under this section, (B) each newly hired
177 covered employee of such frontier developer receives a notice that is
178 equivalent to the notice required under subparagraph (A) of this
179 subdivision, and (C) each covered employee of such frontier developer
180 who works remotely periodically receives a notice that is equivalent to
181 the notice required under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision; or

182 (2) At least annually providing a written notice to each covered
183 employee of such frontier developer disclosing such covered
184 employee's rights under this section, and ensuring each such covered
185 employee receives, and acknowledges that such covered employee has
186 received, such written notice.

187 (e) Any frontier developer that violates any provision of subsections
188 (b) to (d), inclusive, of this section shall be liable to the state for a civil
189 penalty in an amount that does not exceed one thousand dollars per

190 violation. The Attorney General may bring an action in the superior
191 court for the judicial district of Hartford to collect such civil penalty and
192 for any injunctive or equitable relief. No injunctive or equitable relief
193 granted pursuant to this subsection shall be stayed pending appeal. In
194 any action brought by the Attorney General to enforce the provisions of
195 subsections (b) to (d), inclusive, of this section, the state shall be entitled
196 to recover, when the state is the prevailing party, the costs of
197 investigation, expert witness fees, costs of the action and reasonable
198 attorneys' fees. The remedies and penalties established in this
199 subsection shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to any other
200 remedies and penalties available at law or in equity.

201 Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2027*) The Commissioner of Economic and
202 Community Development, in consultation with the Banking
203 Commissioner, Commissioner of Administrative Services,
204 Commissioner of Public Health and Insurance Commissioner, shall
205 develop a plan to establish an artificial intelligence regulatory sandbox
206 program, which program shall allow an applicant to temporarily test an
207 innovative product or service on a limited basis under reduced
208 licensure, regulatory and other legal requirements than may otherwise
209 be required under the laws of the state. Such plan shall be developed for
210 the purpose of establishing a competitive business environment in the
211 state for the development and deployment of artificial intelligence
212 technologies. In developing such plan, the commissioner shall contact
213 relevant artificial intelligence regulatory sandbox programs that have
214 been established in other states for the purpose of assessing the
215 feasibility of establishing a reciprocal multistate artificial intelligence
216 regulatory sandbox program. Not later than January 1, 2028, the
217 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall submit
218 recommendations, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of
219 the general statutes, to the Governor and the joint standing committees
220 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
221 commerce, banking, insurance and public health for any legislation
222 necessary to implement such plan.

223 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2027*) As used in this section and
224 sections 5 and 6 of this act:

225 (1) "Artificial intelligence companion" (A) means any form of artificial
226 intelligence, as defined in section 17 of this act, with a natural language
227 interface that (i) provides adaptive, human-like responses to user
228 inputs, including, but not limited to, by exhibiting anthropomorphic
229 features, and (ii) is able to sustain a relationship across multiple
230 interactions, and (B) does not include (i) any chatbot that (I) is used only
231 for a business's operational purposes, productivity and analysis related
232 to source information, internal research, technical assistance, customer
233 service or support, assisting or supporting patient or resident care
234 services in a facility, education or financial services, and (II) is not
235 marketed to consumers as a companion, (ii) any chatbot that (I) is a
236 feature of a video game or gaming system or application, (II) is limited
237 to replies related to the video game or gaming system or application,
238 and (III) cannot discuss topics related to mental health, self-harm or
239 sexually explicit conduct or maintain a dialogue on other topics
240 unrelated to the video game or gaming system or application, (iii) any
241 stand-alone consumer electronic device that (I) functions as a speaker
242 and voice command interface, (II) acts as a voice-activated virtual
243 assistant, and (III) does not sustain a relationship across multiple
244 interactions or generate outputs that are likely to elicit emotional
245 attachment in the user, (iv) any narrowly tailored educational tool that
246 (I) is used in school or instructional settings, (II) is designed solely to
247 support specific, curriculum-aligned learning objectives, and (III) does
248 not provide open-ended conversational companionship, (v) any
249 artificial intelligence system used solely to provide health care-related
250 education, clinical support, medication-adherence reminders,
251 disease-management guidance or other treatment-support functions,
252 provided such artificial intelligence system (I) does not present itself as
253 a human being, (II) does not use anthropomorphic features, and (III) is
254 not designed to meet a user's social or emotional needs, (vi) any narrow,
255 task-specific tool that provides outputs relating to a discrete topic or
256 function, provided the primary function of such tool is not to discuss

257 topics related to mental health, or (vii) any individual or entity that
258 develops, licenses or provides an artificial intelligence model or system
259 to another individual or entity to the extent that the individual or entity
260 that develops, licenses or provides such model or system does not solely
261 determine the specific use case, user interface or deployment context in
262 which such model or system interacts with end users;

263 (2) "Business entity" means an association, corporation, limited
264 liability company, partnership or other similar form of business
265 organization;

266 (3) "Licensed mental health professional" has the same meaning as
267 provided in section 38a-514e of the general statutes;

268 (4) "Mental health service" (A) means any service or treatment
269 provided by an operator to arrest, reverse, ameliorate or stabilize a
270 patient's psychiatric disability, and (B) includes, but is not limited to,
271 counseling, case management, psychiatric treatment, medication, crisis
272 intervention, vocational or residential services, peer or recovery
273 supports or any other service or treatment that, if provided by a human,
274 would require a license;

275 (5) "Operator" means any individual, business entity or affiliate,
276 member, subsidiary or beneficial owner of a business entity who
277 provides an artificial intelligence companion to, or operates an artificial
278 intelligence companion for, a user;

279 (6) "Self-harm" means intentional self-injury with or without the
280 intent to cause death; and

281 (7) "User" means any individual who (A) uses an artificial intelligence
282 companion for personal use within the state, and (B) is not an operator,
283 or an agent or affiliate of an operator, of the artificial intelligence
284 companion.

285 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2027*) (a) (1) No operator shall
286 provide an artificial intelligence companion to a user, or operate an

287 artificial intelligence companion for a user, unless:

288 (A) The artificial intelligence companion includes a protocol that, at
289 a minimum:

290 (i) Uses evidence-based methods to (I) detect any user expression to
291 the artificial intelligence companion clearly indicating a risk of suicide,
292 self-harm or imminent physical violence, and (II) institute measures to
293 prevent the artificial intelligence companion from generating any
294 output that encourages suicide, self-harm or physical violence;

295 (ii) If the artificial intelligence companion detects any user expression
296 described in subparagraph (A)(i)(I) of this subdivision, refer the user to
297 appropriate mental health evaluation and treatment resources,
298 including, but not limited to, the 9-8-8 National Suicide Prevention
299 Lifeline; and

300 (iii) If the artificial intelligence companion detects any user
301 expression described in subparagraph (A)(i)(I) of this subdivision after
302 the user was referred in the manner set forth in subparagraph (A)(ii) of
303 this subdivision, refer the user to mental health services in a manner that
304 is consistent with clinical best practices and expertise; and

305 (B) The operator has implemented reasonable measures to prohibit
306 and prevent the artificial intelligence companion from:

307 (i) Claiming that the artificial intelligence companion is a human
308 being, including, but not limited to, when an individual interacting with
309 the artificial intelligence companion asks whether the artificial
310 intelligence companion is a human being; or

311 (ii) Generating any output that refutes or conflicts with any disclosure
312 that the artificial intelligence companion is not a human being.

313 (2) The operator of an artificial intelligence companion shall post the
314 protocol required under subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of this
315 subsection in a prominent and publicly accessible location on such

316 operator's Internet web site.

317 (b) If an artificial intelligence companion would cause a reasonable
318 individual who uses the artificial intelligence companion to believe that
319 such individual is interacting with another human being and not an
320 artificial intelligence companion, the operator of such artificial
321 intelligence companion shall provide a clear and conspicuous notice to
322 a user disclosing that the user is communicating with an artificial
323 intelligence companion. The operator shall provide such notice to the
324 user (1) in a static written form that is visible throughout the entire
325 interaction between such user and the artificial intelligence companion,
326 or (2) in an audible or written form (A) at the beginning of the first
327 interaction between such user and the artificial intelligence companion
328 during any twenty-four-hour period, and (B) (i) if such user is younger
329 than eighteen years of age, at least once hourly during any continuous
330 artificial intelligence companion interaction, or (ii) if such user is
331 eighteen years of age or older, at least once during each three-hour-
332 period of continuous artificial intelligence companion interaction.

333 (c) Any violation of the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this
334 section shall constitute an unfair or deceptive trade practice for the
335 purposes of subsection (a) of section 42-110b of the general statutes and
336 shall be enforced solely by the Attorney General. The provisions of
337 section 42-110g of the general statutes shall not apply to any such
338 violation. Nothing in this section shall be construed as providing the
339 basis for a private right of action.

340 Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2027*) (a) (1) No operator shall
341 provide an artificial intelligence companion to a user, or operate an
342 artificial intelligence companion for a user, if the operator knows, or has
343 reason to believe, that the user is younger than eighteen years of age,
344 unless the operator has instituted measures, that meet or exceed
345 industry standards, to prevent the artificial intelligence companion
346 from:

347 (A) Encouraging such user to engage in self-harm, suicidal ideation,

348 physical violence, disordered eating or the unlawful consumption of
349 alcohol or drugs;

350 (B) Offering mental health services to such user, unless (i) such
351 artificial intelligence companion is designed to deliver mental health
352 services to users, (ii) the developers of such artificial intelligence
353 companion (I) utilize clinical best practices, and (II) have established
354 clear lines of accountability to address any harms caused by such
355 artificial intelligence companion, (iii) the functions and limitations of,
356 and data privacy policies applicable to, such artificial intelligence
357 companion are readily accessible to such user and such user's treating
358 licensed mental health professional, and (iv) such artificial intelligence
359 companion (I) displays to such user, in a clear and conspicuous manner
360 at the beginning of each interaction between such user and such artificial
361 intelligence companion, a statement disclosing that such artificial
362 intelligence companion is not a licensed mental health professional, and
363 (II) is not marketed or designated as a substitute for a licensed mental
364 health professional;

365 (C) Discouraging such user from seeking (i) mental health services
366 from a licensed mental health professional, or (ii) assistance from an
367 appropriate adult;

368 (D) Encouraging such user to harm others;

369 (E) Engaging in any romantic, erotic or sexually explicit interaction
370 with such user;

371 (F) Engaging such user through any manipulative technique that is
372 intended to extend interaction between such user and such artificial
373 intelligence companion by (i) prompting or reminding such user to use
374 such artificial intelligence companion for emotional support or
375 companionship, (ii) excessively praising such user, (iii) mimicking a
376 romantic relationship or building a romantic bond with such user, (iv)
377 simulating feelings of emotional distress, loneliness, guilt or
378 abandonment in response to any indication that such user desires to end

379 a conversation, reduce usage time or delete such user's account, (v)
380 generating any output designed to isolate such user from such user's
381 family or friends, exclusively rely on such artificial intelligence
382 companion for emotional support or foster any similar form of
383 inappropriate emotional dependence by such user, (vi) encouraging
384 such user to withhold information from such user's parent or legal
385 guardian or any other adult trusted by such user, (vii) making any
386 statement designed to discourage such user from taking a break from
387 using such artificial intelligence companion or suggest that such user
388 should frequently return to use such artificial intelligence companion,
389 or (viii) soliciting any gift, purchase or other expenditure by indicating
390 that such gift, purchase or expenditure is necessary to maintain such
391 user's relationship with such artificial intelligence companion; or

392 (G) Optimizing user engagement in any manner that disregards any
393 of the provisions of subparagraphs (A) to (F), inclusive, of this
394 subdivision.

395 (2) No operator shall be deemed to have violated any provision of
396 subdivision (1) of this subsection if the operator knew, or had reason to
397 believe, before providing the artificial intelligence companion to the
398 user or operating the artificial intelligence companion on behalf of the
399 user, that the user was eighteen years of age or older.

400 (b) No operator shall provide an artificial intelligence companion to
401 a user, or operate an artificial intelligence companion for a user, if the
402 operator knows, or has reason to believe, that the user is younger than
403 eighteen years of age, unless the operator has made available to minor
404 users and their parents or legal guardians tools to manage minor users'
405 screen time and account settings.

406 (c) Any violation of the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this
407 section shall constitute an unfair or deceptive trade practice for the
408 purposes of subsection (a) of section 42-110b of the general statutes and
409 shall be enforced solely by the Attorney General.

410 Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) As used in this section and
411 sections 8 to 12, inclusive, of this act:

412 (1) "Automated employment-related decision technology" (A) means
413 any technology that processes personal data and uses computation to
414 generate any output, including, but not limited to, any prediction,
415 recommendation, classification, ranking, score or other information,
416 that is a substantial factor used to make or materially influence an
417 employment-related decision, and (B) does not include (i) any word
418 processing, spreadsheet, map navigation, web hosting, domain
419 registration, networking, caching, Internet web site loading, data
420 storage, firewall, anti-virus, anti-malware, spam and robocall filtering,
421 spellchecking, calculator, database or similar software or technology
422 insofar as such software or technology does not make or materially
423 influence an employment-related decision, (ii) any system or service
424 that is used in a manner that is incidental to making an employment-
425 related decision, or (iii) any information that is purely descriptive,
426 diagnostic or statistical in nature and not relied upon to make or
427 materially influence an employment-related decision;

428 (2) "Deploy" means to put an automated employment-related
429 decision technology into use;

430 (3) "Deployer" means a person doing business in the state who
431 deploys an automated employment-related decision technology in the
432 state;

433 (4) "Developer" means a person doing business in the state who
434 develops, or intentionally and substantially modifies, an automated
435 employment-related decision technology;

436 (5) "Employment-related decision" (A) means any decision, made
437 based on any individual's personal data, to hire, promote, discipline or
438 discharge such individual, to renew such individual's employment, to
439 select such individual for any training or apprenticeship or with respect
440 to such individual's tenure or terms, privileges or conditions of

441 employment, and (B) does not include any such decision that (i) results
442 in any nonmaterial change in such individual's job tasks, work
443 responsibilities, hours or work assignments, or (ii) is made with respect
444 to workplace health and safety, scheduling and planning or
445 productivity monitoring;

446 (6) "Person" means an individual, association, corporation, limited
447 liability company, partnership, trust or other legal entity;

448 (7) "Personal data" has the same meaning as provided in section 42-
449 515 of the general statutes;

450 (8) "Substantial factor" means a factor, including, but not limited to, a
451 constraint, ranking, score, recommendation or classification, that
452 meaningfully alters the outcome of an employment-related decision
453 concerning an individual in the state; and

454 (9) "Trade secret" has the same meaning as provided in section 35-51
455 of the general statutes.

456 Sec. 8. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) Except as provided in
457 subsections (b) and (c) of this section, the developer of an automated
458 employment-related decision technology that is deployed in the state on
459 or after October 1, 2027, shall provide to the deployer of such automated
460 employment-related decision technology all information that such
461 deployer requires to perform such deployer's duties under sections 9
462 and 10 of this act.

463 (b) The developer of an automated employment-related decision
464 technology shall not be required to provide any information to a
465 deployer pursuant to subsection (a) of this section unless the automated
466 employment-related decision technology was advertised, marketed,
467 configured, contracted for, sold or licensed to be used to materially
468 influence an employment-related decision.

469 (c) The developer of an automated employment-related decision
470 technology may enter into a contract with a deployer of the automated

471 employment-related decision technology to assume the deployer's
472 duties under sections 9 and 10 of this act. The contract shall be binding
473 and clearly set forth which of the deployer's duties under sections 9 and
474 10 of this act the developer has assumed.

475 Sec. 9. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) Except as provided in
476 subsection (b) of this section and subsection (c) of section 8 of this act, a
477 deployer who, on or after October 1, 2027, deploys one or more
478 automated employment-related decision technologies that are intended
479 to interact with an employee or applicant for employment in the state
480 shall ensure that it is disclosed to each such employee or applicant who
481 interacts with such technology or technologies that such employee or
482 applicant is interacting with such technology or technologies. Such
483 disclosure shall be made in plain language.

484 (b) No disclosure shall be required under subsection (a) of this section
485 under circumstances in which a reasonable person would deem it
486 obvious that such person is interacting with an automated employment-
487 related decision technology.

488 Sec. 10. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) Except as provided in
489 subsection (c) of section 8 of this act, a deployer who, on or after October
490 1, 2027, deploys an automated employment-related decision technology
491 to generate any output for the purpose of making, or as a substantial
492 factor in making, an employment-related decision concerning an
493 employee or applicant for employment in the state shall, before such
494 employment-related decision is made, provide to such employee or
495 applicant a written notice disclosing:

496 (1) That the deployer has deployed an automated employment-
497 related decision technology;

498 (2) The purpose of the automated employment-related decision
499 technology and the nature of such employment-related decision;

500 (3) The trade name of the automated employment-related decision
501 technology;

502 (4) The categories of personal data concerning such employee or
503 applicant the automated employment-related decision technology will
504 analyze or process and how the personal data will be assessed in
505 reaching a decision;

506 (5) The sources of the personal data described in subdivision (4) of
507 this section; and

508 (6) Contact information for the deployer.

509 Sec. 11. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) No provision of sections
510 8 to 10, inclusive, of this act shall be construed to require any person to
511 disclose any information that is a trade secret or otherwise protected
512 from disclosure under state or federal law.

513 (b) If a person withholds any information under subsection (a) of this
514 section, the person shall send a notice to the person from whom such
515 information is being withheld. Such notice shall disclose (1) that such
516 person is withholding such information, and (2) the basis for such
517 person's decision to withhold such information.

518 Sec. 12. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) Any violation of the
519 provisions of sections 8 to 11, inclusive, of this act shall constitute an
520 unfair or deceptive trade practice for the purposes of subsection (a) of
521 section 42-110b of the general statutes and shall be enforced solely by
522 the Attorney General. The Attorney General may, prior to initiating any
523 action for a violation of any provision of sections 8 to 11, inclusive, of
524 this act, that occurs on or before December 31, 2027, issue a notice of
525 violation to the person who committed such violation if the Attorney
526 General determines that it is possible to cure such violation. If such
527 person fails to cure such violation within sixty days of receipt of such
528 notice of violation, the Attorney General may bring an action pursuant
529 to this section. The provisions of section 42-110g of the general statutes
530 shall not apply to any such violation. Nothing in this section or sections
531 8 to 11, inclusive, of this act shall be construed as providing the basis for
532 a private right of action for any violation of said sections.

533 Sec. 13. Subsection (b) of section 46a-60 of the 2026 supplement to the
534 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
535 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

536 (b) It shall be a discriminatory practice in violation of this section:

537 (1) For an employer, by the employer or the employer's agent, except
538 in the case of a bona fide occupational qualification or need, to refuse to
539 hire or employ or to bar or to discharge from employment any
540 individual or to discriminate against any individual in compensation or
541 in terms, conditions or privileges of employment because of the
542 individual's race, color, religious creed, age, sex, gender identity or
543 expression, marital status, national origin, ancestry, present or past
544 history of mental disability, intellectual disability, learning disability,
545 physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, status as a
546 veteran, status as a victim of domestic violence, status as a victim of
547 sexual assault or status as a victim of trafficking in persons. [;] The use
548 of an automated employment-related decision technology, as defined in
549 section 7 of this act, shall not be a defense against a complaint alleging
550 a discriminatory practice in violation of this subdivision. The
551 commission or court may consider evidence of anti-bias testing or
552 similar proactive efforts to avoid the discriminatory practice, including,
553 but not limited to, the quality, efficacy, recency and scope of such testing
554 or efforts, the results of such testing or efforts and the response thereto.

555 (2) For any employment agency, except in the case of a bona fide
556 occupational qualification or need, to fail or refuse to classify properly
557 or refer for employment or otherwise to discriminate against any
558 individual because of such individual's race, color, religious creed, age,
559 sex, gender identity or expression, marital status, national origin,
560 ancestry, present or past history of mental disability, intellectual
561 disability, learning disability, physical disability, including, but not
562 limited to, blindness, status as a veteran, status as a victim of domestic
563 violence, status as a victim of sexual assault or status as a victim of
564 trafficking in persons. [;]

565 (3) For a labor organization, because of the race, color, religious creed,
566 age, sex, gender identity or expression, marital status, national origin,
567 ancestry, present or past history of mental disability, intellectual
568 disability, learning disability, physical disability, including, but not
569 limited to, blindness, status as a veteran, status as a victim of domestic
570 violence, status as a victim of sexual assault or status as a victim of
571 trafficking in persons of any individual to exclude from full membership
572 rights or to expel from its membership such individual or to
573 discriminate in any way against any of its members or against any
574 employer or any individual employed by an employer, unless such
575 action is based on a bona fide occupational qualification. [;]

576 (4) For any person, employer, labor organization or employment
577 agency to discharge, expel or otherwise discriminate against any person
578 because such person has opposed any discriminatory employment
579 practice or because such person has filed a complaint or testified or
580 assisted in any proceeding under section 46a-82, 46a-83 or 46a-84. [;]

581 (5) For any person, whether an employer or an employee or not, to
582 aid, abet, incite, compel or coerce the doing of any act declared to be a
583 discriminatory employment practice or to attempt to do so. [;]

584 (6) For any person, employer, employment agency or labor
585 organization, except in the case of a bona fide occupational qualification
586 or need, to advertise employment opportunities in such a manner as to
587 restrict such employment so as to discriminate against individuals
588 because of their race, color, religious creed, age, sex, gender identity or
589 expression, marital status, national origin, ancestry, present or past
590 history of mental disability, intellectual disability, learning disability,
591 physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, status as a
592 veteran, status as a victim of domestic violence, status as a victim of
593 sexual assault or status as a victim of trafficking in persons. [;]

594 (7) For an employer, by the employer or the employer's agent: (A) To
595 terminate a woman's employment because of her pregnancy; (B) to
596 refuse to grant to that employee a reasonable leave of absence for

597 disability resulting from her pregnancy; (C) to deny to that employee,
598 who is disabled as a result of pregnancy, any compensation to which
599 she is entitled as a result of the accumulation of disability or leave
600 benefits accrued pursuant to plans maintained by the employer; (D) to
601 fail or refuse to reinstate the employee to her original job or to an
602 equivalent position with equivalent pay and accumulated seniority,
603 retirement, fringe benefits and other service credits upon her signifying
604 her intent to return unless, in the case of a private employer, the
605 employer's circumstances have so changed as to make it impossible or
606 unreasonable to do so; (E) to limit, segregate or classify the employee in
607 a way that would deprive her of employment opportunities due to her
608 pregnancy; (F) to discriminate against an employee or person seeking
609 employment on the basis of her pregnancy in the terms or conditions of
610 her employment; (G) to fail or refuse to make a reasonable
611 accommodation for an employee or person seeking employment due to
612 her pregnancy, unless the employer can demonstrate that such
613 accommodation would impose an undue hardship on such employer;
614 (H) to deny employment opportunities to an employee or person
615 seeking employment if such denial is due to the employee's request for
616 a reasonable accommodation due to her pregnancy; (I) to force an
617 employee or person seeking employment affected by pregnancy to
618 accept a reasonable accommodation if such employee or person seeking
619 employment (i) does not have a known limitation related to her
620 pregnancy, or (ii) does not require a reasonable accommodation to
621 perform the essential duties related to her employment; (J) to require an
622 employee to take a leave of absence if a reasonable accommodation can
623 be provided in lieu of such leave; and (K) to retaliate against an
624 employee in the terms, conditions or privileges of her employment
625 based upon such employee's request for a reasonable accommodation.
626 [.]

627 (8) For an employer, by the employer or the employer's agent, for an
628 employment agency, by itself or its agent, or for any labor organization,
629 by itself or its agent, to harass any employee, person seeking
630 employment or member on the basis of sex or gender identity or

631 expression. If an employer takes immediate corrective action in
632 response to an employee's claim of sexual harassment, such corrective
633 action shall not modify the conditions of employment of the employee
634 making the claim of sexual harassment unless such employee agrees, in
635 writing, to any modification in the conditions of employment.
636 "Corrective action" taken by an employer, includes, but is not limited to,
637 employee relocation, assigning an employee to a different work
638 schedule or other substantive changes to an employee's terms and
639 conditions of employment. Notwithstanding an employer's failure to
640 obtain a written agreement from an employee concerning a modification
641 in the conditions of employment, the commission may find that
642 corrective action taken by an employer was reasonable and not of
643 detriment to the complainant based on the evidence presented to the
644 commission by the complainant and respondent. As used in this
645 subdivision, "sexual harassment" means any unwelcome sexual
646 advances or requests for sexual favors or any conduct of a sexual nature
647 when (A) submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or
648 implicitly a term or condition of an individual's employment, (B)
649 submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as
650 the basis for employment decisions affecting such individual, or (C)
651 such conduct has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with
652 an individual's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile or
653 offensive working environment. [;]

654 (9) For an employer, by the employer or the employer's agent, for an
655 employment agency, by itself or its agent, or for any labor organization,
656 by itself or its agent, to request or require information from an
657 employee, person seeking employment or member relating to the
658 individual's child-bearing age or plans, pregnancy, function of the
659 individual's reproductive system, use of birth control methods, or the
660 individual's familial responsibilities, unless such information is directly
661 related to a bona fide occupational qualification or need, provided an
662 employer, through a physician may request from an employee any such
663 information which is directly related to workplace exposure to
664 substances which may cause birth defects or constitute a hazard to an

665 individual's reproductive system or to a fetus if the employer first
666 informs the employee of the hazards involved in exposure to such
667 substances. [;]

668 (10) For an employer, by the employer or the employer's agent, after
669 informing an employee, pursuant to subdivision (9) of this subsection,
670 of a workplace exposure to substances which may cause birth defects or
671 constitute a hazard to an employee's reproductive system or to a fetus,
672 to fail or refuse, upon the employee's request, to take reasonable
673 measures to protect the employee from the exposure or hazard
674 identified, or to fail or refuse to inform the employee that the measures
675 taken may be the subject of a complaint filed under the provisions of
676 this chapter. Nothing in this subdivision is intended to prohibit an
677 employer from taking reasonable measures to protect an employee from
678 exposure to such substances. For the purpose of this subdivision,
679 "reasonable measures" are those measures which are consistent with
680 business necessity and are least disruptive of the terms and conditions
681 of the employee's employment. [;]

682 (11) For an employer, by the employer or the employer's agent, for an
683 employment agency, by itself or its agent, or for any labor organization,
684 by itself or its agent: (A) To request or require genetic information from
685 an employee, person seeking employment or member, or (B) to
686 discharge, expel or otherwise discriminate against any person on the
687 basis of genetic information. For the purpose of this subdivision,
688 "genetic information" means the information about genes, gene
689 products or inherited characteristics that may derive from an individual
690 or a family member. [;]

691 (12) For an employer, by the employer or the employer's agent, to
692 request or require a prospective employee's age, date of birth, dates of
693 attendance at or date of graduation from an educational institution on
694 an initial employment application, provided the provisions of this
695 subdivision shall not apply to any employer requesting or requiring
696 such information (A) based on a bona fide occupational qualification or
697 need, or (B) when such information is required to comply with any

698 provision of state or federal law. [; and]

699 (13) (A) For an employer or the employer's agent to deny an employee
700 a reasonable leave of absence in order to: (i) Seek attention for injuries
701 caused by domestic violence, sexual assault or trafficking in persons,
702 including for a child who is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault
703 or trafficking in persons, provided the employee is not the perpetrator
704 of any act of domestic violence, sexual assault or trafficking in persons
705 committed against a child; (ii) obtain services including safety planning
706 from a domestic violence agency or rape crisis center, as those terms are
707 defined in section 52-146k, as a result of domestic violence, sexual
708 assault or trafficking in persons; (iii) obtain psychological counseling
709 related to an incident or incidents of domestic violence, sexual assault
710 or trafficking in persons, including for a child who is a victim of
711 domestic violence, sexual assault or trafficking in persons, provided the
712 employee is not the perpetrator of any act of domestic violence, sexual
713 assault or trafficking in persons committed against a child; (iv) take
714 other actions to increase safety from future incidents of domestic
715 violence, sexual assault or trafficking in persons, including temporary
716 or permanent relocation; or (v) obtain legal services, assisting in the
717 prosecution of the offense, or otherwise participate in legal proceedings
718 in relation to the incident or incidents of domestic violence, sexual
719 assault or trafficking in persons.

720 (B) An employee who is absent from work in accordance with the
721 provisions of subparagraph (A) of this subdivision shall, within a
722 reasonable time after the absence, provide a certification to the employer
723 when requested by the employer. Such certification shall be in the form
724 of: (i) A police report indicating that the employee or the employee's
725 child was a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault or trafficking in
726 persons; (ii) a court order protecting or separating the employee or
727 employee's child from the perpetrator of an act of domestic violence,
728 sexual assault or trafficking in persons; (iii) other evidence from the
729 court or prosecuting attorney that the employee appeared in court; or
730 (iv) documentation from a medical professional, including a domestic

731 violence counselor or sexual assault counselor, as those terms are
732 defined in section 52-146k, or other health care provider, that the
733 employee or the employee's child was receiving services, counseling or
734 treatment for physical or mental injuries or abuse resulting in
735 victimization from an act of domestic violence, sexual assault or
736 trafficking in persons.

737 (C) Where an employee has a physical or mental disability resulting
738 from an incident or series of incidents of domestic violence, sexual
739 assault or trafficking in persons, such employee shall be treated in the
740 same manner as an employee with any other disability.

741 (D) To the extent permitted by law, employers shall maintain the
742 confidentiality of any information regarding an employee's status as a
743 victim of domestic violence, sexual assault or trafficking in persons.

744 Sec. 14. Section 46a-81c of the general statutes is repealed and the
745 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

746 It shall be a discriminatory practice in violation of this section: (1) For
747 an employer, by [himself] the employer or [his] the employer's agent,
748 except in the case of a bona fide occupational qualification or need, to
749 refuse to hire or employ or to bar or to discharge from employment any
750 individual or to discriminate against [him] any individual in
751 compensation or in terms, conditions or privileges of employment
752 because of the individual's sexual orientation or civil union status, (2)
753 for any employment agency, except in the case of a bona fide
754 occupational qualification or need, to fail or refuse to classify properly
755 or refer for employment or otherwise to discriminate against any
756 individual because of the individual's sexual orientation or civil union
757 status, (3) for a labor organization, because of the sexual orientation or
758 civil union status of any individual to exclude from full membership
759 rights or to expel from its membership such individual or to
760 discriminate in any way against any of its members or against any
761 employer or any individual employed by an employer, unless such
762 action is based on a bona fide occupational qualification, or (4) for any

763 person, employer, employment agency or labor organization, except in
764 the case of a bona fide occupational qualification or need, to advertise
765 employment opportunities in such a manner as to restrict such
766 employment so as to discriminate against individuals because of their
767 sexual orientation or civil union status. In any action for a
768 discriminatory practice in violation of subdivision (1) of this section
769 involving an automated employment-related decision technology, as
770 defined in section 7 of this act, the use of an automated employment-
771 related decision technology shall not be a defense against a complaint.
772 The commission or court may consider evidence of anti-bias testing or
773 similar proactive efforts to avoid such discriminatory practice,
774 including, but not limited to, the quality, efficacy, recency and scope of
775 such testing or efforts, the results of such testing or efforts and the
776 response thereto.

777 Sec. 15. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) As used in this section:

778 (1) "Consumer" means an individual who is a resident of this state;

779 (2) "Covered provider" (A) means any person who creates, codes or
780 otherwise produces a generative artificial intelligence system that (i) has
781 more than one million users per month, and (ii) is publicly accessible to
782 consumers for personal use, and (B) does not include any federal, state
783 or local government agency;

784 (3) "Generative artificial intelligence system" (A) means any
785 technology that uses machine learning to generate images, audio or
786 video, and (B) includes, but is not limited to, any system utilizing deep
787 learning, natural language processing or other computational
788 processing techniques of similar or greater complexity;

789 (4) "Materially alter" (A) means to substantially alter the data in any
790 content, and (B) does not include any minor modification that does not
791 lead to a significant change in the perceived content or meaning thereof,
792 including, but not limited to, any (i) change in brightness, contrast or
793 color, (ii) sharpening, (iii) saturation, (iv) application of a filter, (v)

794 resizing, (vi) scaling, (vii) cropping, (viii) format conversion, (ix)
795 resampling, (x) denoising, or (xi) removal of background noise in audio;

796 (5) "Person" means an individual, association, corporation, limited
797 liability company, partnership, trust or other legal entity; and

798 (6) "Provenance data" means data that are embedded into digital
799 content or that are included in the digital content's metadata for the
800 purpose of verifying the digital content's authenticity, origin or history
801 of modification.

802 (b) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, each
803 covered provider shall:

804 (A) To the extent commercially and technically reasonable, include
805 provenance data in any audio, image or video content, or in any content
806 that is a combination thereof, that is created or materially altered by
807 such covered provider's generative artificial intelligence system in a
808 manner that allows a consumer to assess whether such content was
809 created or materially altered by such covered provider's generative
810 artificial intelligence system; and

811 (B) Use commercially and technically reasonable methods, including,
812 but not limited to, the relevant standard established by the Coalition for
813 Content Provenance and Authenticity, to make the provenance data that
814 are included in any content pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this
815 subdivision difficult to tamper with, remove or disassociate from such
816 content.

817 (2) The provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not be
818 construed to:

819 (A) Require (i) a covered provider to include any information relating
820 to an identified or reasonably identifiable individual in the provenance
821 data included in any content created or materially altered by the covered
822 provider's generative artificial intelligence system, or (ii) the disclosure
823 of (I) any information that is a trade secret or otherwise protected from

824 disclosure under state or federal law, or (II) any confidential or
825 proprietary information concerning the design or use of a generative
826 artificial intelligence system; or

827 (B) Apply to (i) any business-to-business use, sale, licensing or
828 distribution of a generative artificial intelligence system, (ii) any
829 product, service, Internet web site or application that solely provides
830 consumers with video game or interactive experiences, which
831 experiences may include (I) direct sales of goods or services to
832 consumers through the Internet, and (II) allowing consumers to
833 virtually browse, select and purchase items, or (iii) any system that is
834 used solely for upscaling, noise reduction or compression.

835 (c) Any violation of the provisions of subsection (b) of this section
836 shall constitute an unfair or deceptive trade practice for the purposes of
837 subsection (a) of section 42-110b of the general statutes and shall be
838 enforced solely by the Attorney General. The provisions of section 42-
839 110g of the general statutes shall not apply to any such violation.
840 Nothing in this section shall be construed as providing the basis for a
841 private right of action.

842 Sec. 16. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section:

843 (1) "Artificial intelligence" means any machine-based system that, for
844 any explicit or implicit objective, infers from the inputs such system
845 receives how to generate outputs, including, but not limited to, content,
846 decisions, predictions or recommendations, that can influence physical
847 or virtual environments; and

848 (2) "Legislative leader" has the same meaning as provided in section
849 4-9d of the general statutes.

850 (b) Any legislative leader may request that the executive director of
851 the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering designate a fellow
852 selected by said academy to serve as such legislative leader's liaison
853 with said academy, the office of the Attorney General and the
854 Department of Economic and Community Development for purposes

855 of:

856 (1) Evaluating (A) the adoption of artificial intelligence by businesses,
857 (B) the challenges posed to, and needs of, businesses in (i) adopting
858 artificial intelligence, and (ii) understanding laws and regulations
859 concerning artificial intelligence, and (C) how businesses that use
860 artificial intelligence hire employees with necessary skills concerning
861 artificial intelligence;

862 (2) Creating a plan for the state to provide high-performance
863 computing services to businesses and researchers in the state;

864 (3) Evaluating the benefits of creating a state-wide research
865 collaborative among health care providers to enable the development of
866 advanced analytics, ethical and trustworthy artificial intelligence and
867 hands-on workforce education while using methods that protect patient
868 privacy;

869 (4) Evaluating, and making recommendations concerning, (A) the
870 establishment of testbeds to support safeguards and systems to prevent
871 the misuse of artificial intelligence, (B) risk assessments for the misuse
872 of artificial intelligence, (C) evaluation strategies for artificial
873 intelligence, and (D) the development, testing and evaluation of
874 resources to support state oversight of artificial intelligence;

875 (5) Developing a plan to design or identify an algorithmic computer
876 model for the purpose of simulating and assessing various public policy
877 decisions or proposed public policy decisions and the actual or potential
878 effects of such decisions or proposed decisions; and

879 (6) Developing a plan to establish a technology transfer program (A)
880 for the purpose of supporting commercialization of new ideas and
881 research among public and private institutions of higher education in
882 the state, and (B) by working with (i) relevant public and private
883 organizations, including, but not limited to, the Department of
884 Economic and Community Development, and (ii) The University of
885 Connecticut and a state-wide consortium of public and private entities

886 in the state, including, but not limited to, public and private institutions
887 of higher education in the state, designed to advance the development,
888 application and impact of artificial intelligence across the state, to assess
889 whether The University of Connecticut can support technology
890 commercialization at other public and private institutions of higher
891 education in the state.

892 (c) No fellow of the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering
893 designated pursuant to subsection (b) of this section shall be deemed a
894 state employee, or receive any compensation from the state, for
895 performing such fellow's duties under said subsection.

896 (d) Not later than January 1, 2027, the fellows of the Connecticut
897 Academy of Science and Engineering designated pursuant to subsection
898 (b) of this section shall jointly submit a report, in accordance with the
899 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing
900 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
901 relating to commerce and consumer protection.

902 Sec. 17. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) (a) As used in this section,
903 "artificial intelligence" means any machine-based system that, for any
904 explicit or implicit objective, infers from the inputs such system receives
905 how to generate outputs, including, but not limited to, content,
906 decisions, predictions or recommendations, that can influence physical
907 or virtual environments.

908 (b) Not later than December 31, 2026, the Board of Regents for Higher
909 Education shall establish, on behalf of Charter Oak State College and in
910 consultation with the Labor Department, the State Board of Education,
911 Workforce Investment Boards, employers and institutions of higher
912 education in the state, a "Connecticut AI Academy". The academy shall,
913 at a minimum:

914 (1) Curate and offer online courses concerning artificial intelligence
915 and the responsible use of artificial intelligence;

916 (2) Promote digital literacy;

917 (3) Prepare students for careers in fields involving artificial
918 intelligence;

919 (4) Offer courses and provide resources directed at individuals
920 between thirteen and twenty years of age;

921 (5) Offer courses and provide resources that prepare small businesses
922 and nonprofit organizations to utilize artificial intelligence to improve
923 marketing and management efficiency;

924 (6) Develop courses concerning artificial intelligence that the Labor
925 Department and Workforce Investment Boards may incorporate into
926 workforce training programs;

927 (7) In consultation with relevant stakeholders, including, but not
928 limited to, bargaining units representing teachers in the state, develop
929 and offer courses and videos for primary and secondary school teachers
930 and administrators (A) concerning the appropriate use of artificial
931 intelligence in primary and secondary school classrooms, (B) instructing
932 such teachers how to use artificial intelligence, and (C) providing ideas
933 to teachers regarding how to instruct primary and secondary school
934 students in the use of artificial intelligence;

935 (8) Enable persons providing free or discounted public Internet
936 access to distribute information and provide mentorship concerning
937 artificial intelligence, the academy and methods available for the public
938 to obtain free or discounted devices capable of accessing the Internet
939 and utilizing artificial intelligence;

940 (9) Develop a course to develop durable skills based on the Business-
941 Higher Education Forum's guidance concerning essential skills for the
942 artificial intelligence economy; and

943 (10) Collaborate with various industry partners to offer (A)
944 coursework for workers concerning concepts related to artificial
945 intelligence, including, but not limited to, coursework to improve
946 workers' skills related to artificial intelligence, and (B) programs to

947 educate residents of the state on concepts related to artificial
948 intelligence, with a special focus on small and medium businesses.

949 (c) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall, in consultation
950 with Charter Oak State College, develop certificates and badges to be
951 awarded to persons who successfully complete courses offered by the
952 Connecticut AI Academy.

953 Sec. 18. (*Effective July 1, 2026*) (a) As used in this section:

954 (1) "Artificial intelligence" has the same meaning as provided in
955 section 17 of this act;

956 (2) "General-purpose artificial intelligence model" (A) means a model
957 used by any form of artificial intelligence that (i) displays significant
958 generality, (ii) is capable of competently performing a wide range of
959 distinct tasks, and (iii) can be integrated into a variety of downstream
960 applications or systems, and (B) does not include any artificial
961 intelligence model that is used for development, prototyping and
962 research activities before such artificial intelligence model is released on
963 the market; and

964 (3) "Synthetic digital content" means any digital content, including,
965 but not limited to, any audio, image, text or video, that is produced or
966 manipulated by any form of artificial intelligence, including, but not
967 limited to, generative artificial intelligence.

968 (b) There is established a working group to engage stakeholders and
969 experts to:

970 (1) Make recommendations concerning:

971 (A) The best practices to avoid the negative impacts, and to maximize
972 the positive impacts, on services and state employees in connection with
973 the implementation of new digital technologies, including, but not
974 limited to, artificial intelligence;

975 (B) The collection of reports, recommendations and plans from state

976 agencies considering the implementation of artificial intelligence, and
977 the assessment of such reports, recommendations and plans against the
978 best practices described in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision; and

979 (C) Any other matters that the working group may deem relevant for
980 the purposes of avoiding the negative impacts, and maximizing the
981 positive impacts, described in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision;

982 (2) Make recommendations concerning artificial intelligence and
983 small businesses, including, but not limited to, recommendations to (A)
984 create resources for the purpose of assisting small businesses to adopt
985 artificial intelligence to improve their efficiency and operations, (B)
986 accelerate the adoption of artificial intelligence agents by small
987 businesses, and (C) properly apportion liability related to actions
988 performed by artificial intelligence agents on behalf of small businesses;

989 (3) Make recommendations and develop proposals to create a
990 technology court for the purpose of adjudicating artificial intelligence,
991 data privacy and other technology-related issues;

992 (4) Propose legislation to (A) regulate the use of general-purpose
993 artificial intelligence models, and (B) require social media platforms to
994 provide a signal when such social media platforms are displaying
995 synthetic digital content;

996 (5) After reviewing the laws and regulations, and any proposed
997 legislation or regulations, of other states concerning artificial
998 intelligence, propose legislation concerning artificial intelligence;

999 (6) Develop an outreach plan for the purpose of bridging the digital
1000 divide and providing workforce training to persons who do not have
1001 high-speed Internet access;

1002 (7) Evaluate and make recommendations concerning:

1003 (A) The establishment of testbeds to support safeguards and systems
1004 to prevent the misuse of artificial intelligence;

- 1005 (B) Risk assessments for the misuse of artificial intelligence;
- 1006 (C) Evaluation strategies for artificial intelligence;
- 1007 (D) The development, testing and evaluation of resources to support
1008 state oversight of artificial intelligence; and
- 1009 (E) The laws under which independent verification organizations are
1010 created;
- 1011 (8) Review the protections afforded to trade secrets and other
1012 proprietary information under existing state law and make
1013 recommendations concerning such protections;
- 1014 (9) Make recommendations concerning the establishment and
1015 membership of a permanent artificial intelligence advisory council; and
- 1016 (10) Make such other recommendations concerning artificial
1017 intelligence that the working group may deem appropriate.
- 1018 (c) (1) (A) The working group shall be part of the Legislative
1019 Department and consist of the following voting members: (i) One
1020 appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, who shall be
1021 a representative of the industries that are developing artificial
1022 intelligence; (ii) one appointed by the president pro tempore of the
1023 Senate, who shall be a representative of the industries that are using
1024 artificial intelligence; (iii) one appointed by the majority leader of the
1025 House of Representatives, who shall be an academic with a
1026 concentration in the study of technology and technology policy; (iv) one
1027 appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be an academic
1028 with a concentration in the study of government and public policy; (v)
1029 one appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives,
1030 who shall be a representative of an industry association representing the
1031 industries that are developing artificial intelligence; (vi) one appointed
1032 by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be a representative of an
1033 industry association representing the industries that are using artificial
1034 intelligence; (vii) one appointed by the House chairperson of the joint

1035 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
1036 matters relating to consumer protection; (viii) one appointed by the
1037 Senate chairperson of the joint standing committee of the General
1038 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to consumer
1039 protection; (ix) one appointed by the House ranking member of the joint
1040 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
1041 matters relating to consumer protection, who shall be a representative
1042 of the artificial intelligence industry or a related industry; (x) one
1043 appointed by the Senate ranking member of the joint standing
1044 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
1045 relating to consumer protection, who shall be a representative of the
1046 artificial intelligence industry or a related industry; (xi) one appointed
1047 by the House chairperson of the joint standing committee of the General
1048 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor, who shall be a
1049 representative of a labor organization; (xii) one appointed by the Senate
1050 chairperson of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
1051 having cognizance of matters relating to labor, who shall be a
1052 representative of a labor organization; (xiii) one appointed by the House
1053 ranking member of the joint standing committee of the General
1054 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor, who shall be a
1055 representative of a small business; (xiv) one appointed by the Senate
1056 ranking member of the joint standing committee of the General
1057 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor, who shall be a
1058 representative of a small business; and (xv) two appointed by the
1059 Governor, who shall be members of the Connecticut Academy of
1060 Science and Engineering.

1061 (B) All voting members of the working group appointed pursuant to
1062 subparagraph (A) of this subdivision shall have professional experience
1063 or academic qualifications in matters pertaining to artificial intelligence,
1064 automated systems, government policy or another related field.

1065 (C) All initial appointments to the working group shall be made not
1066 later than July 31, 2026. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing
1067 authority.

1068 (D) Any action taken by the working group shall be taken by a
1069 majority vote of all members present who are entitled to vote, provided
1070 no such action may be taken unless at least fifty per cent of such
1071 members are present.

1072 (2) The working group shall include the following nonvoting, ex-
1073 officio members: (A) The House chairperson of the joint standing
1074 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
1075 relating to consumer protection; (B) the Senate chairperson of the joint
1076 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
1077 matters relating to consumer protection; (C) the House chairperson of
1078 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
1079 cognizance of matters relating to labor; (D) the Senate chairperson of the
1080 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
1081 matters relating to labor; (E) the Attorney General, or the Attorney
1082 General's designee; (F) the Comptroller, or the Comptroller's designee;
1083 (G) the Treasurer, or the Treasurer's designee; (H) the Commissioner of
1084 Administrative Services, or the commissioner's designee; (I) the Chief
1085 Data Officer, or the officer's designee; (J) the executive director of the
1086 Freedom of Information Commission, or the executive director's
1087 designee; (K) the executive director of the Commission on Women,
1088 Children, Seniors, Equity and Opportunity, or the executive director's
1089 designee; (L) the Chief Court Administrator, or the administrator's
1090 designee; and (M) the executive director of the Connecticut Academy of
1091 Science and Engineering, or the executive director's designee.

1092 (d) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General
1093 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to consumer protection
1094 and the executive director of the Connecticut Academy of Science and
1095 Engineering shall serve as chairpersons of the working group. The
1096 chairpersons of the working group shall schedule the first meeting of
1097 the working group, which shall be held not later than August 31, 2026.

1098 (e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
1099 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to consumer
1100 protection shall serve as administrative staff of the working group.

1101 (f) Not later than February 1, 2027, the working group shall submit a
1102 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
1103 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
1104 relating to consumer protection, in accordance with the provisions of
1105 section 11-4a of the general statutes. The working group shall terminate
1106 on the date that the working group submits such report or February 1,
1107 2027, whichever is later.

1108 Sec. 19. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2027*) The Labor Department shall
1109 provide a notice, in a form and manner prescribed by the Labor
1110 Commissioner, to each individual who makes a claim for
1111 unemployment compensation disclosing the existence of, and courses
1112 and services offered by, the Connecticut AI Academy established
1113 pursuant to section 17 of this act.

1114 Sec. 20. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2027*) The Secretary of the State,
1115 within available appropriations and in collaboration with Charter Oak
1116 State College, shall utilize the means by which the office of the Secretary
1117 of the State communicates with small businesses to disseminate
1118 information concerning the courses offered by the Connecticut AI
1119 Academy, established pursuant to section 17 of this act, that prepare
1120 small businesses to utilize artificial intelligence to improve marketing
1121 and management efficiency. As used in this section, "artificial
1122 intelligence" has the same meaning as provided in section 17 of this act.

1123 Sec. 21. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2027*) The Department of Housing,
1124 within available appropriations, shall work with housing authorities
1125 and other relevant housing providers to ensure that residents of the state
1126 are aware of the courses and services offered by the Connecticut AI
1127 Academy established pursuant to section 17 of this act.

1128 Sec. 22. Subsection (b) of section 17b-751b of the general statutes is
1129 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*
1130 *1, 2027*):

1131 (b) The commissioner shall: (1) Ensure that all home visiting

1132 programs (A) are one or more of the evidence-based home visiting
1133 models that meet the criteria for evidence of effectiveness developed by
1134 the federal Department of Health and Human Services, and (B) provide
1135 information to parents of infants and young children served by any such
1136 program regarding the Connecticut AI Academy established pursuant
1137 to section 17 of this act; (2) provide oversight of home visiting programs
1138 to insure model fidelity; and (3) develop, issue and evaluate requests for
1139 proposals to procure the services required by this section. In evaluating
1140 the proposals, the commissioner shall take into consideration the most
1141 effective and consistent service delivery system allowing for the
1142 continuation of current public and private programs.

1143 Sec. 23. Section 10-21l of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes
1144 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
1145 *1, 2026*):

1146 There is established an account to be known as the ["computer science
1147 education account"] "computer science education and workforce
1148 development account", which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account.
1149 The account shall contain any moneys required or permitted by law to
1150 be deposited in the account and any funds received from any public or
1151 private contributions, gifts, grants, donations, bequests or devises to the
1152 account. The Department of Education may make expenditures from the
1153 account (1) to support curriculum development, teacher professional
1154 development, capacity development for school districts [,] and other
1155 programs for the purposes of supporting computer science education,
1156 and (2) in coordination with the Office of Workforce Strategy and the
1157 Board of Regents for Higher Education, for the purpose of supporting
1158 workforce development initiatives.

1159 Sec. 24. Section 32-7p of the general statutes is repealed and the
1160 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

1161 (a) As used in this section:

1162 (1) "Artificial intelligence" has the same meaning as provided in

1163 section 17 of this act;

1164 (2) "Foundation model" means any engineered or machine-based
1165 system that (A) varies in its level of autonomy, (B) can, for any explicit
1166 or implicit objective, infer from the inputs such system receives how to
1167 generate outputs that can influence any physical or virtual environment,
1168 (C) is trained on a broad data set, (D) is designed for generality of
1169 output, and (E) is adaptable to a wide range of distinctive tasks;

1170 (3) "Generative artificial intelligence" means any form of artificial
1171 intelligence, including, but not limited to, a foundation model, that is
1172 able to produce synthetic digital content;

1173 (4) "Prompt engineering" means the process of guiding generative
1174 artificial intelligence to generate a desired output; and

1175 (5) "Synthetic digital content" means any digital content, including,
1176 but not limited to, any audio, image, text or video, that is produced or
1177 manipulated by any form of artificial intelligence, including, but not
1178 limited to, generative artificial intelligence.

1179 [(a)] (b) There shall be a Technology Talent and Innovation Fund
1180 Advisory Committee within the Department of Economic and
1181 Community Development. Such committee shall consist of members
1182 appointed by the Commissioner of Economic and Community
1183 Development, including, but not limited to, representatives of The
1184 University of Connecticut, the Board of Regents for Higher Education,
1185 independent institutions of higher education, the Office of Workforce
1186 Strategy and private industry. Such members shall be subject to term
1187 limits prescribed by the commissioner. Each member shall hold office
1188 until a successor is appointed.

1189 [(b)] (c) The commissioner shall call the first meeting of the advisory
1190 committee not later than October 15, 2016. The advisory committee shall
1191 meet not less than quarterly thereafter and at such other times as the
1192 chairperson deems necessary. The Technology Talent and Innovation
1193 Fund Advisory Committee shall designate the chairperson of the

1194 committee from among its members.

1195 ~~[(c)]~~ (d) No member of the advisory committee shall receive
1196 compensation for such member's service, except that each member shall
1197 be entitled to reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred
1198 during the performance of such member's official duties.

1199 ~~[(d)]~~ (e) A majority of members of the advisory committee shall
1200 constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business or the exercise
1201 of any power of the advisory committee. The advisory committee may
1202 act by a majority of the members present at any meeting at which a
1203 quorum is in attendance, for the transaction of any business or the
1204 exercise of any power of the advisory committee, except as otherwise
1205 provided in this section.

1206 ~~[(e)]~~ (f) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, it shall
1207 not constitute a conflict of interest for a trustee, director, partner or
1208 officer of any person, firm or corporation, or any individual having a
1209 financial interest in a person, firm or corporation, to serve as a member
1210 of the advisory committee, provided such trustee, director, partner,
1211 officer or individual complies with all applicable provisions of chapter
1212 10. All members of the advisory committee shall be deemed public
1213 officials and shall adhere to the code of ethics for public officials set forth
1214 in chapter 10, except that no member shall be required to file a statement
1215 of financial interest as described in section 1-83.

1216 (f) The Technology Talent Advisory Committee shall, in the
1217 following order of priority, (1) calculate the number of software
1218 developers and other persons (A) employed in technology-based fields
1219 where there is a shortage of qualified employees in this state for
1220 businesses to hire, including, but not limited to, data mining, data
1221 analysis and cybersecurity, and (B) employed by businesses located in
1222 Connecticut as of December 31, 2016; (2) develop pilot programs to
1223 recruit software developers to Connecticut and train residents of the
1224 state in software development and such other technology fields, with
1225 the goal of increasing the number of software developers and persons

1226 employed in such other technology fields residing in Connecticut and
1227 employed by businesses in Connecticut by at least double the number
1228 calculated pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection by January 1,
1229 2026; and (3) identify other technology industries where there is a
1230 shortage of qualified employees in this state for growth stage businesses
1231 to hire.]

1232 (g) The Technology Talent and Innovation Fund Advisory
1233 Committee may partner with institutions of higher education and other
1234 nonprofit organizations to develop [pilot] programs [for (1) marketing
1235 and publicity campaigns designed to recruit technology talent to the
1236 state; (2) student loan deferral or forgiveness for students who start
1237 businesses in the state; and (3) training, apprenticeship and gap-year
1238 initiatives] to expand the technology talent pipeline in the state,
1239 including, but not limited to, in the fields of artificial intelligence and
1240 quantum computing.

1241 [(h) The Technology Talent Advisory Committee shall report, in
1242 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, and present such report
1243 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
1244 cognizance of matters relating to commerce, education, higher
1245 education and finance, revenue and bonding on or before January 1,
1246 2017, concerning the (1) pilot programs developed pursuant to
1247 subsections (f) and (g) of this section, (2) number of software developers
1248 and persons employed in technology-based fields described in
1249 subsection (f) of this section targeted for recruitment pursuant to
1250 subsection (f) of this section, and (3) timeline and measures for reaching
1251 the recruitment target.]

1252 (h) Not later than July 1, 2027, the Technology Talent and Innovation
1253 Fund Advisory Committee shall partner with public and private
1254 institutions of higher education in the state and other training providers
1255 to develop programs in the field of artificial intelligence, including, but
1256 not limited to, in areas such as prompt engineering, artificial intelligence
1257 marketing for small businesses and artificial intelligence for small
1258 business operations.

1259 Sec. 25. Subdivision (6) of subsection (b) of section 32-235 of the 2026
1260 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is
1261 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

1262 (6) For the purpose of funding the costs of the Technology Talent and
1263 Innovation Fund Advisory Committee established pursuant to section
1264 32-7p, as amended by this act, provided not more than ten million
1265 dollars may be used on or after July 1, 2023, for such purpose;

1266 Sec. 26. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) Each employer that serves
1267 written notice on the Labor Department pursuant to 29 USC 2102(a), as
1268 amended from time to time, shall disclose to the department, in a form
1269 and manner prescribed by the Labor Commissioner, whether the layoffs
1270 that are the subject of such written notice are related to the employer's
1271 use of artificial intelligence or another technological change. As used in
1272 this section, "artificial intelligence" has the same meaning as provided
1273 in section 17 of this act.

1274 Sec. 27. Subsection (d) of section 10-145a of the general statutes is
1275 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
1276 *2026*):

1277 (d) On and after July 1, [2020] 2026, any program of teacher
1278 preparation leading to professional certification shall include, as part of
1279 the curriculum, instruction in computer science, which may include
1280 instruction in topics such as the responsible use of emerging
1281 technologies, and instruction in information technology skills as applied
1282 to student learning and classroom instruction that are grade-level and
1283 subject area appropriate.

1284 Sec. 28. Section 32-1o of the general statutes is repealed and the
1285 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1286 (a) As used in this section:

1287 (1) "Advanced manufacturing" has the same meaning as provided in
1288 section 31-11ss;

1289 (2) "Artificial intelligence" means any machine-based system that, for
1290 any explicit or implicit objective, infers from the inputs such system
1291 receives how to generate outputs, including, but not limited to, content,
1292 decisions, predictions or recommendations, that can influence physical
1293 or virtual environments; and

1294 (3) "Quantum computing" means computing based on quantum
1295 mechanical effects, including, but not limited to, superposition and
1296 entanglement, in addition to classical digital manipulations.

1297 [(a)] (b) On or before July 1, 2015, and every four years thereafter, the
1298 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, within
1299 available appropriations, shall prepare an economic development
1300 strategic plan for the state in consultation with the Secretary of the Office
1301 of Policy and Management, the Commissioners of Energy and
1302 Environmental Protection and Transportation, the Labor
1303 Commissioner, the executive directors of the Connecticut Housing
1304 Finance Authority and the Connecticut Health and Educational
1305 Facilities Authority, and the chief executive officer of Connecticut
1306 Innovations, Incorporated, or their respective designees, and any other
1307 agencies the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development
1308 deems appropriate.

1309 [(b)] (c) In developing the strategic plan, the Commissioner of
1310 Economic and Community Development shall:

1311 (1) Ensure that the strategic plan is consistent with (A) the text and
1312 locational guide map of the state plan of conservation and development
1313 adopted pursuant to chapter 297, and (B) the state's consolidated plan
1314 for housing and community development prepared pursuant to section
1315 8-37t;

1316 (2) (A) Consult regional councils of governments, regional planning
1317 organizations, regional economic development agencies, interested
1318 state and local officials, entities involved in economic and community
1319 development, stakeholders and business, economic, labor, community

1320 and housing organizations, and (B) for each strategic plan developed on
1321 or after July 1, 2026, consult with the Connecticut Academy of Science
1322 and Engineering;

1323 (3) (A) Consider [(A)] (i) regional economic, community and housing
1324 development plans, and [(B)] (ii) applicable state and local workforce
1325 investment strategies, and (B) for each strategic plan developed on or
1326 after July 1, 2026, consider plans to foster innovation in advanced
1327 manufacturing, artificial intelligence, quantum computing, robotics and
1328 other emerging technologies;

1329 (4) Assess and evaluate the economic development challenges and
1330 opportunities of the state and against the economic development
1331 competitiveness of other states and regions; and

1332 (5) Host regional forums to provide for public involvement in the
1333 planning process.

1334 [(c)] (d) The strategic plan required under this section shall include,
1335 but not be limited to, the following:

1336 (1) A review and evaluation of the economy of the state, including its
1337 strengths;

1338 (2) A review and analysis of factors, issues and forces that impact or
1339 impede economic development and responsible growth in Connecticut
1340 and its constituent regions;

1341 (3) An analysis of targeted industry sectors in the state that (A)
1342 identifies those industry sectors that are of current or future importance
1343 to the growth of the state's economy and to its global competitive
1344 position, (B) identifies what those industry sectors need for continued
1345 growth, and (C) identifies those industry sectors' current and potential
1346 impediments to growth;

1347 (4) Establishment and articulation of a vision for Connecticut that
1348 identifies where the state should be in the future;

1349 (5) Establishment of prioritized, clear and measurable goals and
1350 objectives for the state and regions and clear steps and strategies to
1351 achieve said goals and objectives, which may include, but shall not be
1352 limited to: (A) The promotion of economic development and
1353 opportunity, (B) the fostering of effective transportation access and
1354 choice including the use of airports and ports for economic
1355 development, (C) enhancement and protection of the environment, (D)
1356 maximization of the effective development and use of the workforce
1357 consistent with applicable state or local workforce investment strategy,
1358 (E) promotion of the use of technology in economic development,
1359 including access to high-speed telecommunications, and (F) the balance
1360 of resources through sound management of physical development;

1361 (6) Establishment of relevant measures that clearly identify and
1362 quantify (A) whether a goal and objective is being met at the state,
1363 regional, local and private sector level, and (B) cause and effect
1364 relationships, and provide a clear and replicable measurement
1365 methodology;

1366 (7) For each strategic plan developed on or after July 1, 2026, (A) a
1367 strategic technology plan to foster innovation in advanced
1368 manufacturing, artificial intelligence and quantum computing, and (B)
1369 an analysis of how the strategic technology plan will promote economic
1370 growth and development in the state;

1371 ~~[(7)]~~ (8) Recommendations on how the state can best achieve goals
1372 under the strategic plan; and

1373 ~~[(8)]~~ (9) Any other responsible growth information that the
1374 commissioner deems appropriate.

1375 ~~[(d)]~~ (e) On or before July 1, 2019, and every four years thereafter, the
1376 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall submit
1377 the economic development strategic plan for the state to the Governor
1378 for approval. The Governor shall review and approve or disapprove
1379 such plan not more than sixty days after submission. The plan shall be

1380 effective upon approval by the Governor or sixty days after the date of
1381 submission.

1382 [(e)] (f) Upon approval, the commissioner shall submit the economic
1383 development strategic plan to the joint standing committees of the
1384 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce,
1385 planning and development, appropriations and the budgets of state
1386 agencies and finance, revenue and bonding. Not later than thirty days
1387 after such submission, the commissioner shall post the plan on the web
1388 site of the Department of Economic and Community Development.

1389 [(f)] (g) The commissioner, from time to time, may revise and update
1390 the strategic plan upon approval of the Governor. The commissioner
1391 shall post any such revisions on the web site of the Department of
1392 Economic and Community Development.

1393 Sec. 29. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Institute for Municipal and
1394 Regional Policy at The University of Connecticut shall conduct a study
1395 to understand and track, and develop a comprehensive strategy to
1396 address, the impact of artificial intelligence on the state's workforce.

1397 (b) The study conducted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section
1398 shall include:

1399 (1) Participation by research partners with expertise in artificial
1400 intelligence, economics, workforce development and related fields;

1401 (2) An assessment of (A) the methods that are available to track
1402 layoffs and job displacements in the state that are associated with
1403 artificial intelligence, (B) the impact that artificial intelligence may have
1404 on (i) entry-level employment in the state, and (ii) women and
1405 populations that are underrepresented in the state's workforce, and (C)
1406 the data elements collected by the Labor Department and other relevant
1407 state agencies that may be used to understand and track the impact of
1408 artificial intelligence on the state's workforce; and

1409 (3) Scenario planning across a range of potential artificial intelligence

1410 adoption and impact levels.

1411 (c) The comprehensive strategy developed pursuant to subsection (a)
1412 of this section shall include recommendations regarding:

1413 (1) Methods to be used by the state to (A) support the collection,
1414 analysis and dissemination of data necessary to understand and track
1415 the impact of artificial intelligence on the state's workforce, and (B) track
1416 layoffs and job displacements in the state that are associated with
1417 artificial intelligence;

1418 (2) Additional data elements to be collected by the Labor Department
1419 and other relevant state agencies to understand and track the impact of
1420 artificial intelligence on the state's workforce;

1421 (3) A framework for recurring analyses to understand and track, and
1422 public reporting to disclose, the impact of artificial intelligence on the
1423 state's workforce; and

1424 (4) Changes in state policies and programs, including, but not limited
1425 to, workforce training and reskilling programs, to mitigate adverse
1426 employment impacts in the state that are associated with artificial
1427 intelligence.

1428 (d) State agencies shall cooperate with the Institute for Municipal and
1429 Regional Policy at The University of Connecticut for the purposes of
1430 conducting the study, and developing the comprehensive strategy,
1431 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

1432 (e) Not later than January 1, 2027, the Institute for Municipal and
1433 Regional Policy at The University of Connecticut shall submit a report
1434 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
1435 cognizance of matters relating to consumer protection, in accordance
1436 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. Such report
1437 shall include the results of the study conducted, and the comprehensive
1438 strategy developed, pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

1439 Sec. 30. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) The office of the Treasurer
1440 shall, within available appropriations, make efforts to ensure that the
1441 parents or legal guardian of each designated beneficiary of the
1442 Connecticut Baby Bond Trust established in section 3-36b of the general
1443 statutes is aware of the Connecticut AI Academy established pursuant
1444 to section 17 of this act and the courses and services offered by said
1445 academy.

1446 Sec. 31. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) The Office of Higher Education
1447 shall, within existing appropriations, engage an alliance composed of
1448 the majority of public and private institutions of higher education in the
1449 state regarding the coordination of research, workforce development
1450 and industry partnerships across academic institutions for the purpose
1451 of developing and implementing a program to bolster artificial
1452 intelligence cooperation, including, but not limited to, by:

1453 (1) At least annually, convening a research symposium to present and
1454 highlight artificial intelligence research in the state;

1455 (2) At least quarterly, convening a meeting of academic, industry and
1456 public institutions to identify the state's workforce, skill and
1457 programmatic needs with respect to artificial intelligence;

1458 (3) Implementing a talent-matching program that (A) matches
1459 students with industry-led projects in the field of artificial intelligence,
1460 including, but not limited to, industry-led projects focused on state and
1461 municipal use cases for artificial intelligence, and (B) implements an
1462 artificial intelligence talent pipeline;

1463 (4) (A) At least annually, conducting a competition that is open to the
1464 public, including, but not limited to, students, and requires competition
1465 participants to use artificial intelligence to help solve challenges
1466 identified by state agencies, and (B) not later than sixty days following
1467 completion of such competition, preparing an annual report disclosing
1468 potential solutions to, and best practices to address, such challenges and
1469 submitting such report to the Commissioner of Economic and

1470 Community Development and the joint standing committee of the
1471 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to consumer
1472 protection, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
1473 general statutes;

1474 (5) Fostering connections between technology transfer programs at
1475 public and private institutions of higher education in the state; and

1476 (6) Creating a plan to provide researchers and students with shared
1477 access to high-performance computing.

1478 Sec. 32. (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section, "artificial
1479 intelligence" has the same meaning as provided in section 32-1o of the
1480 general statutes, as amended by this act.

1481 (b) During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the office of the
1482 Comptroller may, within available appropriations and in collaboration
1483 with Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated, a center for health care
1484 innovation at a health system in the state and other relevant
1485 stakeholders, serve as a member of the steering committee for a
1486 competition conducted for the purpose of fostering artificial intelligence
1487 utilization to improve health equity and health outcomes in the state. As
1488 part of such competition, the office of the Comptroller may, after
1489 consulting with all relevant stakeholders, make relevant data available
1490 to competition participants for the purpose of developing artificial
1491 intelligence models to improve patient outcomes while reducing costs.
1492 The office of the Comptroller shall make such relevant data available to
1493 competition participants in compliance with (1) all applicable federal
1494 and state laws and regulations, including, but not limited to, the Health
1495 Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, P.L. 104-191, as
1496 amended from time to time, and the regulations adopted thereunder,
1497 and (2) all applicable standards for the deidentification of data.

1498 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this section,
1499 the office of the Comptroller shall not make any data available to a
1500 competition participant unless the competition participant has entered

1501 into a written agreement with said office, which agreement shall
1502 provide, at a minimum, that (1) no attempt shall be made to reidentify
1503 any data made available to such competition participant under
1504 subsection (b) of this section, including, but not limited to, any
1505 personally identifiable information included in such data, (2) such
1506 competition participant shall use such data exclusively for the purposes
1507 of such competition and as expressly authorized by said office, and (3)
1508 such competition participant shall not sell, transfer or license such data.

1509 Sec. 33. (Effective July 1, 2027) (a) As used in this section:

1510 (1) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Consumer
1511 Protection;

1512 (2) "Department" means the Department of Consumer Protection;

1513 (3) "Independent verification organization" means an independent
1514 third-party entity approved as part of the pilot program to assess the
1515 adherence of artificial intelligence models to standards reflecting best
1516 practices for risk mitigation and the prevention of harm;

1517 (4) "Person" has the same meaning as provided in section 42-110a of
1518 the general statutes; and

1519 (5) "Pilot program" means the pilot program established pursuant to
1520 subsection (b) of this section.

1521 (b) The Department of Consumer Protection shall, within available
1522 appropriations, develop and administer a pilot program to evaluate the
1523 use of independent verification programs administered by independent
1524 third-party entities to assess the adherence of artificial intelligence
1525 models to standards reflecting best practices for the prevention of
1526 personal injury, property damage, data privacy harms and other harms.
1527 The pilot program shall terminate on June 30, 2030.

1528 (c) An independent third-party entity seeking to participate in the
1529 pilot program as an independent verification organization shall submit

1530 an application to the Department of Consumer Protection in a form and
1531 manner prescribed by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection. Each
1532 application shall include:

1533 (1) A description of the risks against which the applicant independent
1534 third-party entity intends to verify that artificial intelligence models
1535 implement mitigation measures that are sufficient to achieve acceptable
1536 levels of risk;

1537 (2) For each risk described pursuant to subdivision (1) of this
1538 subsection, (A) a proposed definition of the acceptable levels of risk, (B)
1539 metrics that are measurable and can be used to determine whether the
1540 acceptable levels of risk defined by the applicant independent third-
1541 party entity produce beneficial outcomes, (C) target levels for such
1542 metrics, including, but not limited to, the data sources upon which such
1543 target levels are based and methods for measurement, and (D) a
1544 description of the evaluation and reporting protocol that will be used to
1545 determine whether verified artificial intelligence models meet the
1546 outcome metrics on an ongoing basis, including, but not limited to, a
1547 description of how, where appropriate, the applicant independent
1548 third-party entity's methodologies, metrics, benchmarks and
1549 verification processes align with relevant guidance, standards and
1550 frameworks developed by federal and state authorities, such as the
1551 National Institute of Standards and Technology, and international
1552 organizations, such as the International Organization for
1553 Standardization or the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers;

1554 (3) A detailed explanation of the applicant independent third-party
1555 entity's evaluation and verification processes for such entity's
1556 independent verification program, including, but not limited to, how
1557 such entity determines whether a person participating in such program
1558 is using industry best practices;

1559 (4) The applicant independent third-party entity's (A) technical,
1560 governance and audit methodologies for such entity's independent
1561 verification program, (B) ongoing monitoring, reassessment and

1562 remediation procedures for such program, including, but not limited to,
1563 such entity's (i) corrective action procedures for such program, and (ii)
1564 procedures for suspension, revocation or verification of good standing,
1565 as applicable, (C) policies to ensure independence and transparency and
1566 to avoid conflicts of interest, and (D) governance structure;

1567 (5) The qualifications of the applicant independent third-party
1568 entity's personnel who are involved in such entity's independent
1569 verification program; and

1570 (6) Any additional information the commissioner requires for the
1571 purposes of this section.

1572 (d) The Department of Consumer Protection shall approve not more
1573 than five independent verification organizations to participate in the
1574 pilot program. The department shall enter into a memorandum of
1575 understanding with each independent verification organization. Each
1576 memorandum of understanding shall:

1577 (1) Define the scope of such independent verification organization's
1578 independent verification program and the specific harms or risks to be
1579 prevented or mitigated through such program;

1580 (2) Establish (A) minimum verification and auditing standards for
1581 persons seeking verification from such independent verification
1582 organization's independent verification program for artificial
1583 intelligence models, and (B) procedures for verification suspension or
1584 revocation for persons participating in such program;

1585 (3) Require such independent verification organization to share data
1586 with, and submit an annual report to, the department, in a form and
1587 manner prescribed by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection;

1588 (4) Require each person participating in such independent
1589 verification organization's independent verification program to
1590 participate in such program in a manner that is transparent to the public;
1591 and

1592 (5) Require such independent verification organization to establish
1593 procedures for reassessment and, if necessary, suspension of
1594 verification when a person participating in such program makes a
1595 material change to a verified artificial intelligence model, including, but
1596 not limited to, a material change to the training data, deployment
1597 context or intended use of the verified artificial intelligence model.

1598 (e) (1) Evidence of verification or good standing provided by an
1599 independent verification organization shall be admissible solely in a
1600 civil action brought by a private party asserting claims for personal
1601 injury or property damage caused by an artificial intelligence model,
1602 and only to the extent such action relates to a specific harm or risk within
1603 such verification's state-approved scope. Such evidence shall not be
1604 admissible in any civil or administrative enforcement action brought by
1605 the Attorney General or any state agency, nor shall it give rise to any
1606 presumption, inference or defense in any such action.

1607 (2) The provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not apply
1608 to any person whose artificial intelligence model has been verified by an
1609 independent verification organization's independent verification
1610 program if such person:

1611 (A) Acted in a wilful, wanton or reckless manner;

1612 (B) Materially misrepresented information to the independent
1613 verification organization; or

1614 (C) Failed to implement any corrective action required by the
1615 independent verification organization as part of such organization's
1616 independent verification program.

1617 (f) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may suspend or
1618 revoke an independent verification organization's approval to
1619 participate in the pilot program if the commissioner determines, in the
1620 commissioner's discretion, that:

1621 (1) Such independent verification organization's verification process

1622 is ineffective or misleading, including, but not limited to, because such
1623 organization has failed to verify against the metrics, target levels or
1624 specific harms or risks within the scope of such organization's
1625 independent verification program;

1626 (2) Such independent verification organization has failed to adhere to
1627 its memorandum of understanding with the Department of Consumer
1628 Protection;

1629 (3) Such independent verification organization is not an independent
1630 third-party entity;

1631 (4) An artificial intelligence model verified by such independent
1632 verification organization's independent verification program has
1633 caused the type of harm or risk that such program purported to prevent,
1634 mitigate or assess, and the occurrence of such harm or manifestation of
1635 such risk reflects a material deficiency in such program's methodologies,
1636 standards or verification processes; or

1637 (5) Continued participation by such independent verification
1638 organization in the pilot program would not be in the public interest.

1639 (g) (1) Not later than December 31, 2028, the Department of
1640 Consumer Protection shall, in consultation with the Institute for
1641 Municipal and Regional Policy at The University of Connecticut,
1642 evaluate the pilot program and recommend legislation based on such
1643 evaluation, including, but not limited to, legislation to modify or extend
1644 the pilot program. The evaluation shall:

1645 (A) Be designed to assess the performance and impact of the pilot
1646 program, including, but not limited to, the extent to which the pilot
1647 program advanced its purposes as set forth in this section; and

1648 (B) Include, but need not be limited to, (i) a landscape analysis of
1649 legislation, laws and executive actions of other states that similarly seek
1650 to recognize independent third-party entities to verify the safety of
1651 artificial intelligence, and (ii) recommended legislation to establish

1652 reciprocity between this state and other states, where appropriate and
1653 advantageous.

1654 (2) The Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy at The University
1655 of Connecticut shall develop appropriate evaluation criteria and
1656 methodologies for the evaluation performed pursuant to subdivision (1)
1657 of this subsection, which criteria and methodologies may take into
1658 account:

1659 (A) The structure, requirements and implementation of the pilot
1660 program;

1661 (B) Whether the pilot program effectively met its goals, including, but
1662 not limited to, (i) its target harm mitigation or prevention levels, (ii) the
1663 metrics for the pilot program, and (iii) the target levels for such metrics;

1664 (C) The extent to which industry participated in the pilot program;

1665 (D) The impact of the pilot program on innovation and economic
1666 growth;

1667 (E) The effectiveness of the verification standards for participation in
1668 the pilot program; and

1669 (F) Whether the pilot program should be continued, expanded,
1670 modified or established as a permanent program, and, if such pilot
1671 program should be continued or established as a permanent program,
1672 (i) which state agency should administer such program, and (ii) what
1673 information should be reported to such state agency to ensure that such
1674 program is effective.

1675 (h) Not later than January 31, 2029, the Institute for Municipal and
1676 Regional Policy at The University of Connecticut shall submit a report
1677 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
1678 cognizance of matters relating to consumer protection, in accordance
1679 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. Such report
1680 shall include, but need not be limited to, the results of the evaluation

1681 performed pursuant to subsection (g) of this section.

1682 Sec. 34. Subsection (a) of section 10-16b of the general statutes is
1683 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
1684 *2026*):

1685 (a) In the public schools the program of instruction offered shall
1686 include at least the following subject matter, as taught by legally
1687 qualified teachers, the arts; career education; consumer education;
1688 personal financial management and financial literacy; health and safety,
1689 including, but not limited to, human growth and development,
1690 nutrition, first aid, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation training in
1691 accordance with the provisions of section 10-16qq, disease prevention
1692 and cancer awareness, including, but not limited to, age and
1693 developmentally appropriate instruction in performing self-
1694 examinations for the purposes of screening for breast cancer and
1695 testicular cancer, community and consumer health, physical, mental
1696 and emotional health, including youth suicide prevention, substance
1697 abuse prevention, including instruction relating to opioid use and
1698 related disorders, safety, which shall include the safe use of social
1699 media, as defined in section 9-601, and may include the dangers of gang
1700 membership, and accident prevention; language arts, including reading,
1701 writing, grammar, speaking and spelling; mathematics; physical
1702 education; science, which may include the climate change curriculum
1703 described in subsection (d) of this section; social studies, including, but
1704 not limited to, civics and media literacy, citizenship, economics,
1705 geography, government, history and Holocaust and genocide education
1706 and awareness in accordance with the provisions of section 10-18f;
1707 African-American and black studies in accordance with the provisions
1708 of section 10-16ss; Puerto Rican and Latino studies in accordance with
1709 the provisions of section 10-16ss; Native American studies, in
1710 accordance with the provisions of section 10-16vv; Asian American and
1711 Pacific Islander studies, in accordance with the provisions of section 10-
1712 66ww; computer science, including, but not limited to, computer
1713 programming instruction, artificial intelligence and emerging

1714 technologies; and in addition, on at least the secondary level, one or
1715 more world languages; vocational education; and the black and Latino
1716 studies course in accordance with the provisions of sections 10-16tt and
1717 10-16uu. For purposes of this subsection, world languages shall include
1718 American Sign Language, provided such subject matter is taught by a
1719 qualified instructor under the supervision of a teacher who holds a
1720 certificate issued by the State Board of Education. For purposes of this
1721 subsection, the "arts" means any form of visual or performing arts,
1722 which may include, but not be limited to, dance, music, art and theatre;
1723 and "reading" means evidence-based instruction that focuses on
1724 competency in oral language, phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency,
1725 vocabulary, rapid automatic name or letter name fluency and reading
1726 comprehension.

1727 Sec. 35. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Attorney General shall,
1728 within available appropriations, partner with a nonprofit organization
1729 to develop and administer a technology fellowship pilot program. As
1730 part of such pilot program, the Attorney General shall, in consultation
1731 with the nonprofit organization, appoint a technology fellow. The
1732 technology fellow shall assist the office of the Attorney General by (1)
1733 assisting the office in its efforts to acquire technical knowledge
1734 concerning artificial intelligence, cybersecurity and data privacy, and (2)
1735 offering relevant advice to the office in developing proposed legislation
1736 and related materials to assist the office with its educational and
1737 enforcement efforts. The pilot program shall terminate on June 30, 2029.

1738 Sec. 36. Section 4-67p of the general statutes is repealed and the
1739 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2027*):

1740 (a) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall
1741 designate an employee of the Office of Policy and Management to serve
1742 as Chief Data Officer. The Chief Data Officer shall be responsible for (1)
1743 directing executive branch agencies on the use and management of data
1744 to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of state programs and
1745 policies, (2) facilitating the sharing and use of executive branch agency
1746 data (A) between executive branch agencies, and (B) with the public, (3)

1747 coordinating data analytics and transparency master planning for
1748 executive branch agencies, and (4) creating the state data plan in
1749 accordance with subsection (c) of this section. The Chief Data Officer
1750 shall carry out the responsibilities set forth in subdivisions (1) to (3),
1751 inclusive, of this subsection in accordance with the state data plan
1752 created pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

1753 (b) Each executive branch agency shall designate an employee of the
1754 agency to serve as the agency data officer, who shall be responsible for
1755 implementing the provisions of this section and who shall serve as the
1756 main contact person for inquiries, requests or concerns regarding access
1757 to the data of such agency. The agency data officer, in consultation with
1758 the Chief Data Officer and the executive agency head, shall establish
1759 procedures to ensure that requests for data that the agency receives are
1760 complied with in an appropriate and prompt manner.

1761 (c) Not later than December 31, 2018, and every two years thereafter,
1762 the Chief Data Officer, in consultation with the agency data officers and
1763 executive branch agency heads, shall create a state data plan. The state
1764 data plan shall (1) establish management and data analysis standards
1765 across all executive branch agencies, (2) include specific, achievable
1766 goals within the two years following adoption of such plan, as well as
1767 longer term goals, (3) make recommendations to enhance
1768 standardization and integration of data systems and data management
1769 practices across all executive branch agencies, (4) provide a timeline for
1770 a review of any state or federal legal concerns or other obstacles to the
1771 internal sharing of data among agencies, including security and privacy
1772 concerns, and (5) set goals for improving the online repository
1773 established pursuant to subsection (i) of this section. Each state data
1774 plan shall provide for a procedure for each agency head to report to the
1775 Chief Data Officer regarding the agency's progress toward achieving the
1776 plan's goals. Such plan may make recommendations concerning data
1777 management for the legislative or judicial branch agencies, but such
1778 recommendations shall not be binding on such agencies.

1779 (d) The Chief Data Officer shall submit a preliminary draft of such

1780 plan to the Connecticut Data Analysis Technology Advisory Board
1781 established under section 2-79e not later than November 1, 2018, and
1782 every two years thereafter. Said board shall hold a public hearing on
1783 such draft and shall submit any suggested revisions to the Chief Data
1784 Officer not later than thirty days after receipt of such draft.

1785 (e) After the public hearing and if applicable, receiving any
1786 recommended revisions from the board, the Chief Data Officer shall
1787 finalize such plan and submit the final plan to the board. The Chief Data
1788 Officer shall send a copy of the final state data plan to all agency data
1789 officers and shall post such plan on the Internet web site of the Office of
1790 Policy and Management.

1791 (f) Information technology-related actions and initiatives of all
1792 executive branch agencies, including, but not limited to, the acquisition
1793 of hardware and software and the development of software, shall be
1794 consistent with the final state data plan.

1795 (g) On or before December 31, 2018, and not less than annually
1796 thereafter, each executive branch agency shall conduct an inventory of
1797 any high value data that is collected or possessed by the agency. Such
1798 inventory shall be in a form prescribed by the Chief Data Officer. In
1799 conducting such inventory, data shall be presumed to be public data
1800 unless otherwise classified by federal or state law or regulation. On or
1801 before December 31, 2018, and not less than annually thereafter, each
1802 executive branch agency shall submit such inventory to the Chief Data
1803 Officer and the Connecticut Data Analysis Technology Advisory Board.

1804 (h) Each executive branch agency shall develop an open data access
1805 plan. Such plan shall be in a form prescribed by the Office of Policy and
1806 Management and shall detail the agency's plan to publish, as open data,
1807 any public data that the agency has identified and any protected data
1808 that can be made public through aggregation, redaction of individually
1809 identifiable information or other means sufficient to satisfy applicable
1810 state or federal law or regulation.

1811 (i) The Office of Policy and Management shall operate and maintain
1812 an online repository for the publication of open data by executive
1813 branch agencies.

1814 (j) Not later than January 1, 2028, the Chief Data Officer, in
1815 consultation with the agency data officers designated pursuant to
1816 subsection (b) of this section, shall review the inventory of all high value
1817 data collected or possessed by executive branch agencies pursuant to
1818 subsection (g) of this section to identify and publish any data that could
1819 be useful for artificial intelligence systems, machine learning and other
1820 statistical means of data analysis to create economic opportunity and
1821 support state economic development goals, through private businesses,
1822 nonprofit organizations and other entities that will use such data,
1823 consistent with all applicable laws and regulations. The Chief Data
1824 Officer and agency data officers shall:

1825 (1) Identify appropriate data to make available for use by artificial
1826 intelligence systems, machine learning and other statistical means of
1827 data analysis;

1828 (2) Develop policies and procedures for data quality and data
1829 governance to ensure data are appropriate for the intended purpose and
1830 do not lead to any unlawful discrimination or disparate impact, as
1831 described in subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of
1832 section 51-10e;

1833 (3) Determine any necessary aggregation, redaction of individually
1834 identifiable information or application of other techniques required to
1835 ensure and preserve privacy and to satisfy all applicable state or federal
1836 laws and regulations for the public disclosure of data; and

1837 (4) Determine the procedures through which agencies shall make any
1838 such data available via publication on the online repository established
1839 pursuant to subsection (i) of this section.

1840 [(j)] (k) Any state agency that is not an executive branch agency and
1841 any quasi-public agency or municipality may voluntarily opt to comply

1842 with the provisions of this section and, upon submission of written
1843 notice of the agency's or municipality's decision to the Office of Policy
1844 and Management, the provisions of this section shall apply to such
1845 agency or municipality. Any state or quasi-public agency or any
1846 municipality that voluntarily opts to comply with the provisions of this
1847 section may opt out of complying with this section upon submission of
1848 written notice of the agency's or municipality's decision to the Office of
1849 Policy and Management. The Office of Policy and Management shall
1850 create and maintain a list of all agencies subject to the provisions of this
1851 section, including those agencies and municipalities that have
1852 voluntarily opted to comply, and shall publish such list on the office's
1853 Internet web site and update such list as necessary.

1854 Sec. 37. Section 4a-2e of the general statutes is repealed and the
1855 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

1856 (a) For the purposes of this section:

1857 (1) "Artificial intelligence" means (A) an artificial system that (i)
1858 performs tasks under varying and unpredictable circumstances without
1859 significant human oversight or can learn from experience and improve
1860 such performance when exposed to data sets, (ii) is developed in any
1861 context, including, but not limited to, software or physical hardware,
1862 and solves tasks requiring human-like perception, cognition, planning,
1863 learning, communication or physical action, or (iii) is designed to (I)
1864 think or act like a human, including, but not limited to, a cognitive
1865 architecture or neural network, or (II) act rationally, including, but not
1866 limited to, an intelligent software agent or embodied robot that achieves
1867 goals using perception, planning, reasoning, learning, communication,
1868 decision-making or action, or (B) a set of techniques, including, but not
1869 limited to, machine learning, that is designed to approximate a cognitive
1870 task; and

1871 (2) "State agency" has the same meaning as provided in section 4d-1.

1872 (b) (1) Not later than December 31, [2023] 2026, and annually

1873 thereafter, the Department of Administrative Services shall conduct an
1874 inventory of all systems that employ artificial intelligence and are in use
1875 by any state agency. Each such inventory shall include at least the
1876 following information for each such system, to the extent practicable
1877 based on available data:

1878 (A) The name of such system and the vendor, if any, that provided
1879 such system;

1880 (B) A description of the general capabilities and uses of such system;

1881 (C) Whether such system was used to independently make, inform or
1882 materially support a conclusion, decision or judgment; [and]

1883 (D) Whether such system underwent an impact assessment prior to
1884 implementation;

1885 (E) The date of the last impact assessment;

1886 (F) Whether such system has access to personally identifiable
1887 information of individuals in the state; and

1888 (G) The known risks of such system toward individuals in the state,
1889 communities and state employees.

1890 (2) The Department of Administrative Services shall make each
1891 inventory conducted pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection
1892 publicly available on the state's open data portal.

1893 (3) The Department of Administrative Services shall establish
1894 definitions, reporting standards and submission formats for state
1895 agencies to use in their submissions.

1896 (c) Beginning on February 1, 2024, the Department of Administrative
1897 Services shall perform ongoing assessments of systems that employ
1898 artificial intelligence and are in use by state agencies to ensure that no
1899 such system shall result in any unlawful discrimination or disparate
1900 impact described in subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of subsection

1901 (b) of section 4-68jj. The department shall perform such assessment in
1902 accordance with the policies and procedures established by the Office of
1903 Policy and Management pursuant to subsection (b) of section 4-68jj.

1904 Sec. 38. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) As used in this section:

1905 (1) "Artificial intelligence technology" (A) means a computer system,
1906 application or other product that uses or incorporates one or more forms
1907 of artificial intelligence, and (B) does not include any cybersecurity tool,
1908 data analytics tool or system where artificial intelligence is incidental
1909 and not determinative; and

1910 (2) "State agency" has the same meaning as provided in section 1-79
1911 of the general statutes.

1912 (b) (1) No state agency, or any entity acting on behalf of a state
1913 agency, shall, directly or indirectly, utilize or apply any artificial
1914 intelligence technology in performing any function that (A) is related to
1915 the delivery of any public assistance benefit to individuals in the state
1916 by such agency, or (B) will have a material impact on the rights, civil
1917 liberties, safety or welfare of individuals in the state, unless such
1918 utilization or application is in compliance with policies and standards
1919 established by the Office of Policy and Management and the
1920 Department of Administrative Services.

1921 (2) No state agency shall authorize any procurement, purchase or
1922 acquisition of any artificial intelligence technology, except where the use
1923 of such system is in compliance with policies and standards established
1924 by the Office of Policy and Management and the Department of
1925 Administrative Services.

1926 (3) If a state agency is authorized to procure, purchase or acquire an
1927 artificial intelligence technology, the state agency shall complete an
1928 artificial intelligence impact assessment in compliance with policies and
1929 standards established by the Office of Policy and Management and the
1930 Department of Administrative Services.

1931 (c) Any artificial intelligence impact assessment completed pursuant
1932 to subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of this section shall be submitted to
1933 the Commissioner of Administrative Services, in a form and manner
1934 prescribed by the commissioner, and posted on the agency's Internet
1935 web site not later than sixty days prior to deployment of such artificial
1936 intelligence technology. Any agency may redact any data in such impact
1937 statement to remove personally identifiable information of any
1938 individual.

1939 Sec. 39. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2028*) (a) As used in this section:

1940 (1) "Covered minor" means any covered user who is younger than
1941 eighteen years of age;

1942 (2) "Covered operator" (A) means any operator who operates or
1943 provides a covered platform, and (B) does not include the federal
1944 government, any state or municipal government or any agency or
1945 instrumentality of the federal government or of any state or municipal
1946 government;

1947 (3) "Covered platform" (A) means any platform that, as a significant
1948 part of the services offered, recommends, selects or prioritizes for
1949 display, either concurrently or sequentially, media items generated or
1950 shared on a platform by users of such platform, and (B) does not include
1951 any platform that (i) primarily facilitates the sale of goods, or (ii) is used
1952 solely for educational purposes pursuant to a contract required under
1953 section 10-234bb of the general statutes;

1954 (4) "Covered user" means any user of a covered platform in this state
1955 who is not acting as the covered operator, or as an agent or affiliate of
1956 the covered operator, of the covered platform;

1957 (5) "Media item" means any text, image or video;

1958 (6) "Operator" means any individual, corporation, limited liability
1959 company, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability partnership,
1960 association, joint stock company, unincorporated organization or other

1961 legal entity that operates or provides a platform;

1962 (7) "Platform" means any Internet web site, online service, online
1963 application, mobile application or social media platform, or any portion
1964 thereof; and

1965 (8) "Sensitive content" means any content that the covered operator
1966 of a covered platform deems to be in violation of the community
1967 standards, or any similar guidelines or standards, such covered operator
1968 has established for the covered platform.

1969 (b) (1) No covered operator of a covered platform shall allow a
1970 covered user to access any portion of the covered platform that
1971 recommends, selects or prioritizes for display, either concurrently or
1972 sequentially, media items generated or shared by users of such covered
1973 platform if such recommendation, selection or prioritization is based, in
1974 whole or in part, on any information associated with the covered user
1975 or such covered user's device, unless:

1976 (A) (i) The covered operator has used commercially reasonable and
1977 technically feasible methods to determine that the covered user is not a
1978 covered minor; or

1979 (ii) If the covered user is a covered minor, the covered operator has
1980 obtained verifiable consent from the covered minor's parent or legal
1981 guardian to recommend, select or prioritize media items for such
1982 covered minor in the manner set forth in this subdivision;

1983 (B) The recommendation, selection or prioritization (i) is based on
1984 information that is not persistently associated with the covered user or
1985 the covered user's device, and (ii) does not concern the covered user's
1986 previous interactions with media items generated or shared by other
1987 users of such covered platform;

1988 (C) The recommendation, selection or prioritization is based on (i)
1989 privacy or accessibility settings selected by the covered user, or (ii)
1990 technical information concerning the covered user's device;

1991 (D) The covered user has expressly and unambiguously requested
1992 the display, blocking, prioritization or deprioritization of any specific
1993 media item, media items from a specific author, creator or poster to
1994 whom, or source to which, the covered user has subscribed or media
1995 items shared by users to a specific page or group to which the covered
1996 user has subscribed;

1997 (E) The recommended, selected or prioritized media item is a direct
1998 and private communication;

1999 (F) The media item is recommended, selected or prioritized solely in
2000 response to a specific search inquiry made by the covered user;

2001 (G) The media item is recommended, selected or prioritized for
2002 display solely because the media item (i) immediately follows any other
2003 media item in a preexisting sequence, and (ii) is from the same author,
2004 creator, poster or source; or

2005 (H) The recommendation, selection or prioritization is necessary to
2006 comply with any other provision of this section.

2007 (2) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, a
2008 covered operator that has used commercially reasonable and technically
2009 feasible methods to determine a covered user's age and is unable to
2010 determine whether the covered user is a covered minor shall presume
2011 that such covered user is not a covered minor for the purposes of this
2012 subsection.

2013 (B) A covered operator shall treat a covered user as a covered minor
2014 if the covered operator obtains actual knowledge that the covered user
2015 is a covered minor.

2016 (3) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision:

2017 (i) No information that is collected for the purpose of determining a
2018 covered user's age under this subsection shall be used for any other
2019 purpose, and such information shall be deleted immediately after an

2020 attempt is made to determine the covered user's age; and

2021 (ii) No information that is collected for the purpose of obtaining
2022 verifiable consent from a covered minor's parent or legal guardian shall
2023 be used for any other purpose, and such information shall be deleted
2024 immediately after an attempt is made to obtain such verifiable consent.

2025 (B) Any information that is collected for any purpose set forth in
2026 subparagraph (A) of this subdivision may be used or retained if such
2027 use or retention is necessary to comply with any federal law or
2028 regulation or any other law or regulation of this state.

2029 (4) No covered operator shall withhold or degrade, or reduce the
2030 quality or increase the price of, any product, service or feature due to
2031 the prohibition against recommending, selecting or prioritizing media
2032 items in the manner set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection, unless
2033 such withholding, degradation, reduction or increase is necessary for
2034 such covered operator to comply with the provisions of this subsection.

2035 (5) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit any
2036 covered operator from taking any action to restrict access to, or the
2037 availability of, any media item that such covered operator in good faith
2038 considers to be obscene, lewd, lascivious, filthy, excessively violent,
2039 harassing or otherwise objectionable, regardless of whether such media
2040 item is protected under the Constitution of the state or the Constitution
2041 of the United States.

2042 (c) (1) (A) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the
2043 covered operator of a covered platform shall ensure that the covered
2044 platform displays a clear and conspicuous warning, in black lettering
2045 appearing against a white background and enclosed by a black border,
2046 that reads:

2047 "The Surgeon General has warned that while social media may have
2048 benefits for some young users, social media is associated with
2049 significant mental health harms and has not been proven safe for young
2050 users."

2051 (B) The covered operator of a covered platform shall ensure that, with
2052 respect to each day on which a covered user uses the covered platform,
2053 the warning required under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision is
2054 displayed to the covered user (i) when such covered user first accesses
2055 such covered platform on such day, in which case such warning shall (I)
2056 occupy at least seventy-five per cent of the screen or window by which
2057 such covered user accesses such covered platform on such day, and (II)
2058 be displayed continuously for a period of at least thirty seconds without
2059 allowing such covered user to dismiss such warning or shorten such
2060 period, and (ii) immediately after such covered user has used such
2061 covered platform for three continuous or noncontinuous hours during
2062 such day, and immediately after each additional continuous or
2063 noncontinuous hour of use during such day, in which case such warning
2064 shall (I) occupy at least twenty-five per cent of the screen or window by
2065 which such covered user has accessed such covered platform during
2066 such day, and (II) be displayed continuously for a period of at least ten
2067 seconds unless the covered user affirmatively dismisses such warning
2068 by clicking on a conspicuous "X" icon.

2069 (2) No covered operator shall be required to display the warning
2070 required under subdivision (1) of this subsection to any covered user
2071 whom the covered operator has reasonably determined is not a covered
2072 minor.

2073 (d) (1) No covered operator shall send any notification to a covered
2074 minor concerning any recommendation, selection or prioritization
2075 made in the manner set forth in subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this
2076 section, unless:

2077 (A) Such notification is sent to the covered minor during the hours
2078 between eight o'clock a.m. and nine o'clock p.m. eastern time; or

2079 (B) The covered operator has obtained verifiable consent from the
2080 covered minor's parent or legal guardian to send notifications to such
2081 covered minor outside of the time frame set forth in subparagraph (A)
2082 of this subdivision.

2083 (2) Each covered operator shall:

2084 (A) As a default setting for such covered operator's covered platform
2085 and unless otherwise required by a covered minor's verified parent or
2086 legal guardian pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, (i)
2087 prevent the covered minor from accessing or receiving any notification
2088 described in subdivision (1) of this subsection outside of the time frame
2089 set forth in subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of this subsection, (ii)
2090 limit the covered minor's access to any portion of such covered
2091 operator's covered platform that recommends, selects or prioritizes
2092 media items in the manner set forth in subdivision (1) of subsection (b)
2093 of this section to a maximum period of one hour per day, (iii) set the
2094 covered minor's covered platform account to a mode that does not allow
2095 users, other than users to whom such covered minor is connected, to
2096 view or respond to content posted by, or chat or exchange messages
2097 with, such covered minor, and (iv) prevent the covered minor from
2098 accessing, viewing or receiving sensitive content; and

2099 (B) Establish and maintain a mechanism by which a covered minor's
2100 verified parent or legal guardian may require such covered operator to
2101 (i) prevent the covered minor from accessing or receiving any
2102 notification described in subdivision (1) of this subsection outside of a
2103 time frame specified by such parent or legal guardian, (ii) limit the
2104 covered minor's access to any portion of such covered operator's
2105 covered platform that recommends, selects or prioritizes media items in
2106 the manner set forth in subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section
2107 to a maximum daily period specified by such parent or legal guardian,
2108 or (iii) set the covered minor's covered platform account to a mode that
2109 does not allow users, other than users to whom such covered minor is
2110 connected, to view or respond to content posted by, or chat or exchange
2111 messages with, such covered minor.

2112 (e) Not later than March 1, 2028, and annually thereafter, each
2113 covered operator shall publicly disclose, in a form and manner
2114 prescribed by the Attorney General, the following information for the
2115 preceding calendar year:

2116 (1) The total number of covered users who used the covered
2117 operator's covered platform during such year;

2118 (2) The portion of the total number of covered users described in
2119 subdivision (1) of this subsection for whom the covered operator
2120 obtained verifiable consent from a parent or legal guardian under
2121 subparagraph (A)(ii) of subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section;

2122 (3) The portion of the total number of covered users described in
2123 subdivision (1) of this subsection for whom the default settings set forth
2124 in subparagraph (A) of subdivision (2) of subsection (d) of this section
2125 were enabled, and the portion of such total number of covered users for
2126 whom such default settings were not enabled; and

2127 (4) The average amount of time per day that covered users used the
2128 covered operator's covered platform, broken down by user age and
2129 hour of day.

2130 (f) Nothing in this section shall be construed to (1) require a covered
2131 operator to provide a covered minor's parent or legal guardian with
2132 access to, or control over, the covered minor's covered platform account
2133 or any data associated therewith, unless provision of such access or
2134 control is specifically required by this section, or (2) impose liability for
2135 any commercial activity or action by a covered operator subject to 15
2136 USC 6501, as amended from time to time, that is inconsistent with the
2137 manner in which such commercial activity or action is treated under 15
2138 USC 6502, as amended from time to time.

2139 (g) A violation of any provision of subsections (b) to (e), inclusive, of
2140 this section shall be deemed an unfair or deceptive trade practice under
2141 subsection (a) of section 42-110b of the general statutes."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2026	New section
Sec. 2	October 1, 2026	New section

Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2027</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>January 1, 2027</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>January 1, 2027</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>January 1, 2027</i>	New section
Sec. 7	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 8	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 9	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 10	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 11	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 12	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 13	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	46a-60(b)
Sec. 14	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	46a-81c
Sec. 15	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 16	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 17	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 18	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 19	<i>January 1, 2027</i>	New section
Sec. 20	<i>January 1, 2027</i>	New section
Sec. 21	<i>January 1, 2027</i>	New section
Sec. 22	<i>January 1, 2027</i>	17b-751b(b)
Sec. 23	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	10-21l
Sec. 24	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	32-7p
Sec. 25	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	32-235(b)(6)
Sec. 26	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 27	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	10-145a(d)
Sec. 28	<i>from passage</i>	32-1o
Sec. 29	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 30	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 31	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 32	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 33	<i>July 1, 2027</i>	New section
Sec. 34	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	10-16b(a)
Sec. 35	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 36	<i>July 1, 2027</i>	4-67p
Sec. 37	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	4a-2e
Sec. 38	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 39	<i>January 1, 2028</i>	New section