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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) "Deployment" (A) means making any foundation model available
96 to a third party for use, modification, copying or combination with other
97 software, and (B) does not include making any foundation model
98 available to a third party for the primary purpose of developing or
99 evaluating such foundation model;

100 (5) "Employee" has the same meaning as provided in section 31-51m
101 of the general statutes;

102 (6) "Foundation model" means any engineered or machine-based
103 system that (A) varies in its level of autonomy, (B) can, for any explicit
104 or implicit objective, infer from the inputs such system receives how to
105 generate outputs that can influence physical or virtual environments,
106 (C) is trained on a broad data set, (D) is designed for generality of

107 output, and (E) is adaptable to a wide range of distinctive tasks;

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

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

122 (9) "Model weights" means the numerical parameters in a foundation
123 model that are adjusted through training and help determine how
124 inputs are transformed into outputs; and

125 (10) "Person" means any individual, association, corporation, limited
126 liability company, partnership, trust or other legal entity.

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

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

133 (2) Any person with authority over a covered employee, or any other
134 covered employee who has authority to investigate, discover or correct
135 an issue reported by the covered employee, may discipline or retaliate
136 against such covered employee if such covered employee has

137 reasonable cause to believe that an issue reported by such covered
138 employee indicates that such frontier developer has engaged in any
139 activity that poses a specific and substantial danger to the public health
140 or safety due to a catastrophic risk.

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

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

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

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

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

177 (2) At least annually providing a written notice to each covered
178 employee of such frontier developer disclosing such covered
179 employee's rights under this section, and ensuring each such covered
180 employee receives, and acknowledges that such covered employee has
181 received, such written notice.

182 (e) Any frontier developer that violates any provision of subsections
183 (b) to (d), inclusive, of this section shall be liable to the state for a civil
184 penalty in an amount that does not exceed one thousand dollars per
185 violation. The Attorney General may bring an action in the superior
186 court for the judicial district of Hartford to collect such civil penalty and
187 for any injunctive or equitable relief. No injunctive or equitable relief
188 granted pursuant to this subsection shall be stayed pending appeal. In
189 any action brought by the Attorney General to enforce the provisions of
190 subsections (b) to (d), inclusive, of this section, the state shall be entitled
191 to recover, when the state is the prevailing party, the costs of
192 investigation, expert witness fees, costs of the action and reasonable
193 attorneys' fees. The remedies and penalties established in this
194 subsection shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to any other
195 remedies and penalties available at law or in equity.

196 Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2027*) The Commissioner of Economic and
197 Community Development, in consultation with the Banking
198 Commissioner, Commissioner of Administrative Services,
199 Commissioner of Public Health and Insurance Commissioner, shall
200 develop a plan to establish an artificial intelligence regulatory sandbox
201 program, which program shall allow an applicant to temporarily test an

202 innovative product or service on a limited basis under reduced
203 licensure, regulatory and other legal requirements than may otherwise
204 be required under the laws of the state. Such plan shall be developed for
205 the purpose of establishing a competitive business environment in the
206 state for the development and deployment of artificial intelligence
207 technologies. In developing such plan, the commissioner shall contact
208 relevant artificial intelligence regulatory sandbox programs that have
209 been established in other states for the purpose of assessing the
210 feasibility of establishing a reciprocal multistate artificial intelligence
211 regulatory sandbox program. Not later than January 1, 2028, the
212 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall submit
213 recommendations, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of
214 the general statutes, to the Governor and the joint standing committees
215 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
216 commerce, banking, insurance and public health for any legislation
217 necessary to implement such plan.

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

220 (1) "Artificial intelligence companion" (A) means any form of artificial
221 intelligence, as defined in section 17 of this act, with a natural language
222 interface that (i) provides adaptive, human-like responses to user
223 inputs, including, but not limited to, by exhibiting anthropomorphic
224 features, and (ii) is able to sustain a relationship across multiple
225 interactions, and (B) does not include (i) any chatbot that (I) is used only
226 for a business's operational purposes, productivity and analysis related
227 to source information, internal research, technical assistance, customer
228 service or support, assisting or supporting patient or resident care
229 services in a facility, education or financial services, and (II) does not
230 sustain a relationship across multiple interactions and generate outputs
231 that are likely to elicit emotional attachment in the user, (ii) any chatbot
232 that (I) is a feature of a video game or gaming system or application, (II)
233 is limited to replies related to the video game or gaming system or
234 application, and (III) cannot discuss topics related to mental health, self-

235 harm or sexually explicit conduct or maintain a dialogue on other topics
236 unrelated to the video game or gaming system or application, (iii) any
237 stand-alone consumer electronic device that (I) functions as a speaker
238 and voice command interface, (II) acts as a voice-activated virtual
239 assistant, and (III) does not sustain a relationship across multiple
240 interactions or generate outputs that are likely to elicit emotional
241 attachment in the user, (iv) any narrowly tailored educational tool that
242 (I) is used in school or instructional settings, (II) is designed solely to
243 support specific, curriculum-aligned learning objectives, and (III) does
244 not provide open-ended conversational companionship, or (v) any
245 artificial intelligence system used solely to provide health care-related
246 education, clinical support, medication-adherence reminders,
247 disease-management guidance or other treatment-support functions,
248 provided such artificial intelligence system (I) does not present itself as
249 a human being, (II) does not use anthropomorphic features, and (III) is
250 not designed to meet a user's social or emotional needs;

251 (2) "Business entity" means an association, corporation, limited
252 liability company, partnership or other similar form of business
253 organization;

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

256 (4) "Operator" means any individual, business entity or affiliate,
257 member, subsidiary or beneficial owner of a business entity who
258 provides an artificial intelligence companion to, or operates an artificial
259 intelligence companion for, a user;

260 (5) "Self-harm" means intentional self-injury with or without the
261 intent to cause death; and

262 (6) "User" means any individual who (A) uses an artificial intelligence
263 companion for personal use within the state, and (B) is not an operator,
264 or an agent or affiliate of an operator, of the artificial intelligence
265 companion.

266 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2027*) (a) (1) No operator shall
267 provide an artificial intelligence companion to a user, or operate an
268 artificial intelligence companion for a user, unless:

269 (A) The artificial intelligence companion includes a protocol that, at
270 a minimum:

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

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

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

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

288 (i) Claiming that the artificial intelligence companion is a human
289 being, including, but not limited to, when an individual interacting with
290 the artificial intelligence companion asks whether the artificial
291 intelligence companion is a human being; or

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

294 (2) The operator of an artificial intelligence companion shall post the

295 protocol required under subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of this
296 subsection in a prominent and publicly accessible location on such
297 operator's Internet web site.

298 (b) If an artificial intelligence companion would cause a reasonable
299 individual who uses the artificial intelligence companion to believe that
300 such individual is interacting with another human being and not an
301 artificial intelligence companion, the operator of such artificial
302 intelligence companion shall provide a clear and conspicuous notice to
303 a user disclosing that the user is communicating with an artificial
304 intelligence companion and not another human being. The operator
305 shall provide such notice to the user (1) in a static written form that is
306 visible throughout the entire interaction between such user and the
307 artificial intelligence companion, or (2) in an audible or written form (A)
308 at the beginning of the first interaction between such user and the
309 artificial intelligence companion during any twenty-four-hour period,
310 and (B) (i) if such user is younger than eighteen years of age, at least
311 once hourly during any continuous artificial intelligence companion
312 interaction, or (ii) if such user is eighteen years of age or older, at least
313 once during each three-hour-period of continuous artificial intelligence
314 companion interaction.

315 (c) The Attorney General shall enforce the provisions of subsections
316 (a) and (b) of this section. Whenever it appears to the Attorney General
317 that any operator has violated, is violating or is about to violate any
318 provision of subsection (a) or (b) of this section, the Attorney General
319 may institute a civil action in the Superior Court in the name of the state
320 against such operator. The court may assess a civil penalty of not more
321 than one thousand dollars per violation and may order such
322 declaratory, injunctive or other equitable relief as the court deems
323 appropriate.

324 Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2027*) (a) (1) No operator shall
325 provide an artificial intelligence companion to a user, or operate an
326 artificial intelligence companion for a user, if the operator knows, or has
327 reason to believe, that the user is younger than eighteen years of age,

328 unless the operator has instituted reasonable measures to prevent the
329 artificial intelligence companion from:

330 (A) Encouraging such user to engage in self-harm, suicidal ideation,
331 physical violence, disordered eating or the unlawful consumption of
332 alcohol or drugs;

333 (B) Offering mental health services to such user, unless (i) such
334 artificial intelligence companion is designed to deliver mental health
335 services to users, (ii) the developers of such artificial intelligence
336 companion (I) utilize clinical best practices, and (II) have established
337 clear lines of accountability to address any harms caused by such
338 artificial intelligence companion, (iii) the functions and limitations of,
339 and data privacy policies applicable to, such artificial intelligence
340 companion are readily accessible to such user and such user's treating
341 licensed mental health professional, and (iv) such artificial intelligence
342 companion (I) displays to such user, in a clear and conspicuous manner
343 at the beginning of each interaction between such user and such artificial
344 intelligence companion, a statement disclosing that such artificial
345 intelligence companion is not a licensed mental health professional, and
346 (II) is not marketed or designated as a substitute for a licensed mental
347 health professional;

348 (C) Discouraging such user from seeking (i) mental health services
349 from a licensed mental health professional, or (ii) assistance from an
350 appropriate adult;

351 (D) Encouraging such user to harm others;

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

354 (F) Engaging such user through any manipulative technique that is
355 designed to extend interaction between such user and such artificial
356 intelligence companion, including, but not limited to, by (i) prompting
357 or reminding such user to use such artificial intelligence companion for
358 emotional support or companionship, (ii) excessively praising such

359 user, (iii) mimicking a romantic relationship or building a romantic
360 bond with such user, (iv) simulating feelings of emotional distress,
361 loneliness, guilt or abandonment in response to any indication that such
362 user desires to end a conversation, reduce usage time or delete such
363 user's account, (v) generating any output designed to isolate such user
364 from such user's family or friends, exclusively rely on such artificial
365 intelligence companion for emotional support or foster any similar form
366 of inappropriate emotional dependence by such user, (vi) encouraging
367 such user to withhold information from such user's parent or legal
368 guardian or any other adult trusted by such user, (vii) making any
369 statement designed to discourage such user from taking a break from
370 using such artificial intelligence companion or suggest that such user
371 should frequently return to use such artificial intelligence companion,
372 or (viii) soliciting any gift, purchase or other expenditure by indicating
373 that such gift, purchase or expenditure is necessary to maintain such
374 user's relationship with such artificial intelligence companion; or

375 (G) Optimizing user engagement in any manner that disregards any
376 of the provisions of subparagraphs (A) to (F), inclusive, of this
377 subdivision.

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

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

389 (c) (1) The Attorney General shall enforce the provisions of
390 subsections (a) and (b) of this section on behalf of the state. Whenever it

391 appears to the Attorney General that any operator has violated any
392 provision of subsection (a) or (b) of this section, the Attorney General
393 may institute a civil action in the Superior Court in the name of the state
394 against such operator. The court may assess a civil penalty of not more
395 than twenty-five thousand dollars for each such violation and may
396 order such declaratory, injunctive or other equitable relief as the court
397 deems appropriate.

398 (2) In addition to the remedies available under subdivision (1) of this
399 subsection, a user who is aggrieved by a violation of any provision of
400 subsection (a) or (b) of this section, or the parent or legal guardian of the
401 user if the user is younger than eighteen years of age, may institute a
402 civil action in the Superior Court to recover actual and punitive
403 damages and for such declaratory, injunctive or other equitable relief as
404 the court deems appropriate. The court may award to such user, or to
405 the parent or legal guardian of such user, costs and reasonable attorney's
406 fees. No such action shall be brought but within three years after the
407 occurrence of such violation.

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

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

424 diagnostic or statistical in nature and not relied upon to make or
425 materially influence an employment-related decision;

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

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

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

434 (5) "Employment-related decision" (A) means any decision, made
435 based on any individual's personal data, to hire, promote, discipline or
436 discharge such individual, to renew such individual's employment, to
437 select such individual for any training or apprenticeship or with respect
438 to such individual's tenure or terms, privileges or conditions of
439 employment, and (B) does not include any such decision that (i) results
440 in any nonmaterial change in such individual's job tasks, work
441 responsibilities, hours or work assignments, or (ii) is made with respect
442 to workplace health and safety, scheduling and planning or
443 productivity monitoring;

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

446 (7) "Personal data" has the same meaning as provided in section 42-
447 515 of the general statutes;

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

452 (9) "Trade secret" has the same meaning as provided in section 35-51

453 of the general statutes.

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

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

467 (c) The developer of an automated employment-related decision
468 technology may enter into a contract with a deployer of the automated
469 employment-related decision technology to assume the deployer's
470 duties under sections 9 and 10 of this act. The contract shall be binding
471 and clearly set forth which of the deployer's duties under sections 9 and
472 10 of this act the developer has assumed.

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

482 (b) No disclosure shall be required under subsection (a) of this section
483 under circumstances in which a reasonable person would deem it

484 obvious that such person is interacting with an automated employment-
485 related decision technology.

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

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

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

498 (3) The trade name of the automated employment-related decision
499 technology;

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

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

506 (6) Contact information for the deployer.

507 Sec. 11. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) No provision of sections
508 8 to 10, inclusive, of this act shall be construed to require any person to
509 disclose any information that is a trade secret or otherwise protected
510 from disclosure under state or federal law.

511 (b) If a person withholds any information under subsection (a) of this
512 section, the person shall send a notice to the person from whom such

513 information is being withheld. Such notice shall disclose (1) that such
514 person is withholding such information, and (2) the basis for such
515 person's decision to withhold such information.

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

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

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

535 (1) For an employer, by the employer or the employer's agent, except
536 in the case of a bona fide occupational qualification or need, to refuse to
537 hire or employ or to bar or to discharge from employment any
538 individual or to discriminate against any individual in compensation or
539 in terms, conditions or privileges of employment because of the
540 individual's race, color, religious creed, age, sex, gender identity or
541 expression, marital status, national origin, ancestry, present or past
542 history of mental disability, intellectual disability, learning disability,
543 physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, status as a
544 veteran, status as a victim of domestic violence, status as a victim of

545 sexual assault or status as a victim of trafficking in persons. [;] The use
546 of an automated employment-related decision technology, as defined in
547 section 7 of this act, shall not be a defense against a complaint alleging
548 a discriminatory practice in violation of this subdivision. The
549 commission or court may consider evidence of anti-bias testing or
550 similar proactive efforts to avoid the discriminatory practice, including,
551 but not limited to, the quality, efficacy, recency and scope of such testing
552 or efforts, the results of such testing or efforts and the response thereto.

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

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

574 (4) For any person, employer, labor organization or employment
575 agency to discharge, expel or otherwise discriminate against any person
576 because such person has opposed any discriminatory employment
577 practice or because such person has filed a complaint or testified or

578 assisted in any proceeding under section 46a-82, 46a-83 or 46a-84. [;]

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

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

592 (7) For an employer, by the employer or the employer's agent: (A) To
593 terminate a woman's employment because of her pregnancy; (B) to
594 refuse to grant to that employee a reasonable leave of absence for
595 disability resulting from her pregnancy; (C) to deny to that employee,
596 who is disabled as a result of pregnancy, any compensation to which
597 she is entitled as a result of the accumulation of disability or leave
598 benefits accrued pursuant to plans maintained by the employer; (D) to
599 fail or refuse to reinstate the employee to her original job or to an
600 equivalent position with equivalent pay and accumulated seniority,
601 retirement, fringe benefits and other service credits upon her signifying
602 her intent to return unless, in the case of a private employer, the
603 employer's circumstances have so changed as to make it impossible or
604 unreasonable to do so; (E) to limit, segregate or classify the employee in
605 a way that would deprive her of employment opportunities due to her
606 pregnancy; (F) to discriminate against an employee or person seeking
607 employment on the basis of her pregnancy in the terms or conditions of
608 her employment; (G) to fail or refuse to make a reasonable
609 accommodation for an employee or person seeking employment due to
610 her pregnancy, unless the employer can demonstrate that such

611 accommodation would impose an undue hardship on such employer;
612 (H) to deny employment opportunities to an employee or person
613 seeking employment if such denial is due to the employee's request for
614 a reasonable accommodation due to her pregnancy; (I) to force an
615 employee or person seeking employment affected by pregnancy to
616 accept a reasonable accommodation if such employee or person seeking
617 employment (i) does not have a known limitation related to her
618 pregnancy, or (ii) does not require a reasonable accommodation to
619 perform the essential duties related to her employment; (J) to require an
620 employee to take a leave of absence if a reasonable accommodation can
621 be provided in lieu of such leave; and (K) to retaliate against an
622 employee in the terms, conditions or privileges of her employment
623 based upon such employee's request for a reasonable accommodation.
624 [.]

625 (8) For an employer, by the employer or the employer's agent, for an
626 employment agency, by itself or its agent, or for any labor organization,
627 by itself or its agent, to harass any employee, person seeking
628 employment or member on the basis of sex or gender identity or
629 expression. If an employer takes immediate corrective action in
630 response to an employee's claim of sexual harassment, such corrective
631 action shall not modify the conditions of employment of the employee
632 making the claim of sexual harassment unless such employee agrees, in
633 writing, to any modification in the conditions of employment.
634 "Corrective action" taken by an employer, includes, but is not limited to,
635 employee relocation, assigning an employee to a different work
636 schedule or other substantive changes to an employee's terms and
637 conditions of employment. Notwithstanding an employer's failure to
638 obtain a written agreement from an employee concerning a modification
639 in the conditions of employment, the commission may find that
640 corrective action taken by an employer was reasonable and not of
641 detriment to the complainant based on the evidence presented to the
642 commission by the complainant and respondent. As used in this
643 subdivision, "sexual harassment" means any unwelcome sexual
644 advances or requests for sexual favors or any conduct of a sexual nature

645 when (A) submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or
646 implicitly a term or condition of an individual's employment, (B)
647 submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as
648 the basis for employment decisions affecting such individual, or (C)
649 such conduct has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with
650 an individual's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile or
651 offensive working environment. [;]

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

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

678 business necessity and are least disruptive of the terms and conditions
679 of the employee's employment. [;]

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

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

697 (13) (A) For an employer or the employer's agent to deny an employee
698 a reasonable leave of absence in order to: (i) Seek attention for injuries
699 caused by domestic violence, sexual assault or trafficking in persons,
700 including for a child who is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault
701 or trafficking in persons, provided the employee is not the perpetrator
702 of any act of domestic violence, sexual assault or trafficking in persons
703 committed against a child; (ii) obtain services including safety planning
704 from a domestic violence agency or rape crisis center, as those terms are
705 defined in section 52-146k, as a result of domestic violence, sexual
706 assault or trafficking in persons; (iii) obtain psychological counseling
707 related to an incident or incidents of domestic violence, sexual assault
708 or trafficking in persons, including for a child who is a victim of
709 domestic violence, sexual assault or trafficking in persons, provided the
710 employee is not the perpetrator of any act of domestic violence, sexual

711 assault or trafficking in persons committed against a child; (iv) take
712 other actions to increase safety from future incidents of domestic
713 violence, sexual assault or trafficking in persons, including temporary
714 or permanent relocation; or (v) obtain legal services, assisting in the
715 prosecution of the offense, or otherwise participate in legal proceedings
716 in relation to the incident or incidents of domestic violence, sexual
717 assault or trafficking in persons.

718 (B) An employee who is absent from work in accordance with the
719 provisions of subparagraph (A) of this subdivision shall, within a
720 reasonable time after the absence, provide a certification to the employer
721 when requested by the employer. Such certification shall be in the form
722 of: (i) A police report indicating that the employee or the employee's
723 child was a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault or trafficking in
724 persons; (ii) a court order protecting or separating the employee or
725 employee's child from the perpetrator of an act of domestic violence,
726 sexual assault or trafficking in persons; (iii) other evidence from the
727 court or prosecuting attorney that the employee appeared in court; or
728 (iv) documentation from a medical professional, including a domestic
729 violence counselor or sexual assault counselor, as those terms are
730 defined in section 52-146k, or other health care provider, that the
731 employee or the employee's child was receiving services, counseling or
732 treatment for physical or mental injuries or abuse resulting in
733 victimization from an act of domestic violence, sexual assault or
734 trafficking in persons.

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

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

742 Sec. 14. Section 46a-81c of the general statutes is repealed and the

743 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

744 It shall be a discriminatory practice in violation of this section: (1) For
745 an employer, by [himself] the employer or [his] the employer's agent,
746 except in the case of a bona fide occupational qualification or need, to
747 refuse to hire or employ or to bar or to discharge from employment any
748 individual or to discriminate against [him] any individual in
749 compensation or in terms, conditions or privileges of employment
750 because of the individual's sexual orientation or civil union status, (2)
751 for any employment agency, except in the case of a bona fide
752 occupational qualification or need, to fail or refuse to classify properly
753 or refer for employment or otherwise to discriminate against any
754 individual because of the individual's sexual orientation or civil union
755 status, (3) for a labor organization, because of the sexual orientation or
756 civil union status of any individual to exclude from full membership
757 rights or to expel from its membership such individual or to
758 discriminate in any way against any of its members or against any
759 employer or any individual employed by an employer, unless such
760 action is based on a bona fide occupational qualification, or (4) for any
761 person, employer, employment agency or labor organization, except in
762 the case of a bona fide occupational qualification or need, to advertise
763 employment opportunities in such a manner as to restrict such
764 employment so as to discriminate against individuals because of their
765 sexual orientation or civil union status. In any action for a
766 discriminatory practice in violation of subdivision (1) of this section
767 involving an automated employment-related decision technology, as
768 defined in section 7 of this act, the use of an automated employment-
769 related decision technology shall not be a defense against a complaint.
770 The commission or court may consider evidence of anti-bias testing or
771 similar proactive efforts to avoid such discriminatory practice,
772 including, but not limited to, the quality, efficacy, recency and scope of
773 such testing or efforts, the results of such testing or efforts and the
774 response thereto.

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

- 776 (1) "Consumer" means an individual who is a resident of this state;
- 777 (2) "Covered provider" (A) means any person who creates, codes or
778 otherwise produces a generative artificial intelligence system that (i) has
779 more than one million users per month, and (ii) is publicly accessible to
780 consumers for personal use, and (B) does not include any federal, state
781 or local government agency;
- 782 (3) "Generative artificial intelligence system" (A) means any
783 technology that uses machine learning to generate images, audio or
784 video, and (B) includes, but is not limited to, any system utilizing deep
785 learning, natural language processing or other computational
786 processing techniques of similar or greater complexity;
- 787 (4) "Materially alter" (A) means to substantially alter the data in any
788 content, and (B) does not include any minor modification that does not
789 lead to a significant change in the perceived content or meaning thereof,
790 including, but not limited to, any (i) change in brightness, contrast or
791 color, (ii) sharpening, (iii) saturation, (iv) application of a filter, (v)
792 resizing, (vi) scaling, (vii) cropping, (viii) format conversion, (ix)
793 resampling, (x) denoising, or (xi) removal of background noise in audio;
- 794 (5) "Person" means an individual, association, corporation, limited
795 liability company, partnership, trust or other legal entity; and
- 796 (6) "Provenance data" means data that are embedded into digital
797 content or that are included in the digital content's metadata for the
798 purpose of verifying the digital content's authenticity, origin or history
799 of modification.
- 800 (b) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, each
801 covered provider shall:
- 802 (A) To the extent commercially and technically reasonable, include
803 provenance data in any audio, image or video content, or in any content
804 that is a combination thereof, that is created or materially altered by
805 such covered provider's generative artificial intelligence system in a

806 manner that allows a consumer to assess whether such content was
807 created or materially altered by such covered provider's generative
808 artificial intelligence system; and

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

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

817 (A) Require (i) a covered provider to include any information relating
818 to an identified or reasonably identifiable individual in the provenance
819 data included in any content created or materially altered by the covered
820 provider's generative artificial intelligence system, or (ii) the disclosure
821 of (I) any information that is a trade secret or otherwise protected from
822 disclosure under state or federal law, or (II) any confidential or
823 proprietary information concerning the design or use of a generative
824 artificial intelligence system; or

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

833 (c) Any violation of the provisions of subsection (b) of this section
834 shall constitute an unfair or deceptive trade practice for the purposes of
835 subsection (a) of section 42-110b of the general statutes and shall be
836 enforced solely by the Attorney General. The provisions of section 42-

837 110g of the general statutes shall not apply to any such violation.
838 Nothing in this section shall be construed as providing the basis for a
839 private right of action.

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

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

846 (2) "Legislative leader" has the same meaning as provided in section
847 4-9d of the general statutes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

877 (6) Developing a plan to establish a technology transfer program (A)
878 for the purpose of supporting commercialization of new ideas and
879 research among public and private institutions of higher education in
880 the state, and (B) by working with (i) relevant public and private
881 organizations, including, but not limited to, the Department of
882 Economic and Community Development, and (ii) The University of
883 Connecticut and a state-wide consortium of public and private entities
884 in the state, including, but not limited to, public and private institutions
885 of higher education in the state, designed to advance the development,
886 application and impact of artificial intelligence across the state, to assess
887 whether The University of Connecticut can support technology
888 commercialization at other public and private institutions of higher
889 education in the state.

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

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

899 relating to commerce and consumer protection.

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

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

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

914 (2) Promote digital literacy;

915 (3) Prepare students for careers in fields involving artificial
916 intelligence;

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

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

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

925 (7) In consultation with relevant stakeholders, including, but not
926 limited to, bargaining units representing teachers in the state, develop
927 and offer courses and videos for primary and secondary school teachers

928 and administrators (A) concerning the appropriate use of artificial
929 intelligence in primary and secondary school classrooms, (B) instructing
930 such teachers how to use artificial intelligence, and (C) providing ideas
931 to teachers regarding how to instruct primary and secondary school
932 students in the use of artificial intelligence;

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

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

941 (10) Collaborate with various industry partners to offer (A)
942 coursework for workers concerning concepts related to artificial
943 intelligence, including, but not limited to, coursework to improve
944 workers' skills related to artificial intelligence, and (B) programs to
945 educate residents of the state on concepts related to artificial
946 intelligence, with a special focus on small and medium businesses.

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

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

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

954 (2) "General-purpose artificial intelligence model" (A) means a model
955 used by any form of artificial intelligence that (i) displays significant
956 generality, (ii) is capable of competently performing a wide range of
957 distinct tasks, and (iii) can be integrated into a variety of downstream

958 applications or systems, and (B) does not include any artificial
959 intelligence model that is used for development, prototyping and
960 research activities before such artificial intelligence model is released on
961 the market; and

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

966 (b) There is established a working group to engage stakeholders and
967 experts to:

968 (1) Make recommendations concerning:

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

973 (B) The collection of reports, recommendations and plans from state
974 agencies considering the implementation of artificial intelligence, and
975 the assessment of such reports, recommendations and plans against the
976 best practices described in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

1000 (7) Evaluate and make recommendations concerning:

1001 (A) The establishment of testbeds to support safeguards and systems
1002 to prevent the misuse of artificial intelligence;

1003 (B) Risk assessments for the misuse of artificial intelligence;

1004 (C) Evaluation strategies for artificial intelligence; and

1005 (D) The development, testing and evaluation of resources to support
1006 state oversight of artificial intelligence;

1007 (8) Review the protections afforded to trade secrets and other
1008 proprietary information under existing state law and make
1009 recommendations concerning such protections;

1010 (9) Make recommendations concerning the establishment and
1011 membership of a permanent artificial intelligence advisory council; and

1012 (10) Make such other recommendations concerning artificial
1013 intelligence that the working group may deem appropriate.

1014 (c) (1) (A) The working group shall be part of the Legislative
1015 Department and consist of the following voting members: (i) One
1016 appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, who shall be
1017 a representative of the industries that are developing artificial
1018 intelligence; (ii) one appointed by the president pro tempore of the
1019 Senate, who shall be a representative of the industries that are using
1020 artificial intelligence; (iii) one appointed by the majority leader of the
1021 House of Representatives, who shall be an academic with a
1022 concentration in the study of technology and technology policy; (iv) one
1023 appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be an academic
1024 with a concentration in the study of government and public policy; (v)
1025 one appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives,
1026 who shall be a representative of an industry association representing the
1027 industries that are developing artificial intelligence; (vi) one appointed
1028 by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be a representative of an
1029 industry association representing the industries that are using artificial
1030 intelligence; (vii) one appointed by the House chairperson of the joint
1031 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
1032 matters relating to consumer protection; (viii) one appointed by the
1033 Senate chairperson of the joint standing committee of the General
1034 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to consumer
1035 protection; (ix) one appointed by the House ranking member of the joint
1036 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
1037 matters relating to consumer protection, who shall be a representative
1038 of the artificial intelligence industry or a related industry; (x) one
1039 appointed by the Senate ranking member of the joint standing
1040 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
1041 relating to consumer protection, who shall be a representative of the
1042 artificial intelligence industry or a related industry; (xi) one appointed
1043 by the House chairperson of the joint standing committee of the General
1044 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor, who shall be a
1045 representative of a labor organization; (xii) one appointed by the Senate
1046 chairperson of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
1047 having cognizance of matters relating to labor, who shall be a
1048 representative of a labor organization; (xiii) one appointed by the House

1049 ranking member of the joint standing committee of the General
1050 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor, who shall be a
1051 representative of a small business; (xiv) one appointed by the Senate
1052 ranking member of the joint standing committee of the General
1053 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor, who shall be a
1054 representative of a small business; and (xv) two appointed by the
1055 Governor, who shall be members of the Connecticut Academy of
1056 Science and Engineering.

1057 (B) All voting members of the working group appointed pursuant to
1058 subparagraph (A) of this subdivision shall have professional experience
1059 or academic qualifications in matters pertaining to artificial intelligence,
1060 automated systems, government policy or another related field.

1061 (C) All initial appointments to the working group shall be made not
1062 later than July 31, 2026. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing
1063 authority.

1064 (D) Any action taken by the working group shall be taken by a
1065 majority vote of all members present who are entitled to vote, provided
1066 no such action may be taken unless at least fifty per cent of such
1067 members are present.

1068 (2) The working group shall include the following nonvoting, ex-
1069 officio members: (A) The House chairperson of the joint standing
1070 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
1071 relating to consumer protection; (B) the Senate chairperson of the joint
1072 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
1073 matters relating to consumer protection; (C) the House chairperson of
1074 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
1075 cognizance of matters relating to labor; (D) the Senate chairperson of the
1076 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
1077 matters relating to labor; (E) the Attorney General, or the Attorney
1078 General's designee; (F) the Comptroller, or the Comptroller's designee;
1079 (G) the Treasurer, or the Treasurer's designee; (H) the Commissioner of
1080 Administrative Services, or the commissioner's designee; (I) the Chief

1081 Data Officer, or the officer's designee; (J) the executive director of the
1082 Freedom of Information Commission, or the executive director's
1083 designee; (K) the executive director of the Commission on Women,
1084 Children, Seniors, Equity and Opportunity, or the executive director's
1085 designee; (L) the Chief Court Administrator, or the administrator's
1086 designee; and (M) the executive director of the Connecticut Academy of
1087 Science and Engineering, or the executive director's designee.

1088 (d) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General
1089 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to consumer protection
1090 and the executive director of the Connecticut Academy of Science and
1091 Engineering shall serve as chairpersons of the working group. The
1092 chairpersons of the working group shall schedule the first meeting of
1093 the working group, which shall be held not later than August 31, 2026.

1094 (e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
1095 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to consumer
1096 protection shall serve as administrative staff of the working group.

1097 (f) Not later than February 1, 2027, the working group shall submit a
1098 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
1099 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
1100 relating to consumer protection, in accordance with the provisions of
1101 section 11-4a of the general statutes. The working group shall terminate
1102 on the date that the working group submits such report or February 1,
1103 2027, whichever is later.

1104 Sec. 19. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2027*) The Labor Department shall
1105 provide a notice, in a form and manner prescribed by the Labor
1106 Commissioner, to each individual who makes a claim for
1107 unemployment compensation disclosing the existence of, and courses
1108 and services offered by, the Connecticut AI Academy established
1109 pursuant to section 17 of this act.

1110 Sec. 20. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2027*) The Secretary of the State,
1111 within available appropriations and in collaboration with Charter Oak

1112 State College, shall utilize the means by which the office of the Secretary
1113 of the State communicates with small businesses to disseminate
1114 information concerning the courses offered by the Connecticut AI
1115 Academy, established pursuant to section 17 of this act, that prepare
1116 small businesses to utilize artificial intelligence to improve marketing
1117 and management efficiency. As used in this section, "artificial
1118 intelligence" has the same meaning as provided in section 17 of this act.

1119 Sec. 21. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2027*) The Department of Housing,
1120 within available appropriations, shall work with housing authorities
1121 and other relevant housing providers to ensure that residents of the state
1122 are aware of the courses and services offered by the Connecticut AI
1123 Academy established pursuant to section 17 of this act.

1124 Sec. 22. Subsection (b) of section 17b-751b of the general statutes is
1125 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*
1126 *1, 2027*):

1127 (b) The commissioner shall: (1) Ensure that all home visiting
1128 programs (A) are one or more of the evidence-based home visiting
1129 models that meet the criteria for evidence of effectiveness developed by
1130 the federal Department of Health and Human Services, and (B) provide
1131 information to parents of infants and young children served by any such
1132 program regarding the Connecticut AI Academy established pursuant
1133 to section 17 of this act; (2) provide oversight of home visiting programs
1134 to insure model fidelity; and (3) develop, issue and evaluate requests for
1135 proposals to procure the services required by this section. In evaluating
1136 the proposals, the commissioner shall take into consideration the most
1137 effective and consistent service delivery system allowing for the
1138 continuation of current public and private programs.

1139 Sec. 23. Section 10-211 of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes
1140 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
1141 *1, 2026*):

1142 There is established an account to be known as the ["computer science

1143 education account"] "computer science education and workforce
1144 development account", which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account.
1145 The account shall contain any moneys required or permitted by law to
1146 be deposited in the account and any funds received from any public or
1147 private contributions, gifts, grants, donations, bequests or devises to the
1148 account. The Department of Education may make expenditures from the
1149 account (1) to support curriculum development, teacher professional
1150 development, capacity development for school districts [,] and other
1151 programs for the purposes of supporting computer science education,
1152 and (2) in coordination with the Office of Workforce Strategy and the
1153 Board of Regents for Higher Education, for the purpose of supporting
1154 workforce development initiatives.

1155 Sec. 24. Section 32-7p of the general statutes is repealed and the
1156 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

1157 (a) As used in this section:

1158 (1) "Artificial intelligence" has the same meaning as provided in
1159 section 17 of this act;

1160 (2) "Foundation model" means any engineered or machine-based
1161 system that (A) varies in its level of autonomy, (B) can, for any explicit
1162 or implicit objective, infer from the inputs such system receives how to
1163 generate outputs that can influence any physical or virtual environment,
1164 (C) is trained on a broad data set, (D) is designed for generality of
1165 output, and (E) is adaptable to a wide range of distinctive tasks;

1166 (3) "Generative artificial intelligence" means any form of artificial
1167 intelligence, including, but not limited to, a foundation model, that is
1168 able to produce synthetic digital content;

1169 (4) "Prompt engineering" means the process of guiding generative
1170 artificial intelligence to generate a desired output; and

1171 (5) "Synthetic digital content" means any digital content, including,
1172 but not limited to, any audio, image, text or video, that is produced or

1173 manipulated by any form of artificial intelligence, including, but not
1174 limited to, generative artificial intelligence.

1175 [(a)] (b) There shall be a Technology Talent and Innovation Fund
1176 Advisory Committee within the Department of Economic and
1177 Community Development. Such committee shall consist of members
1178 appointed by the Commissioner of Economic and Community
1179 Development, including, but not limited to, representatives of The
1180 University of Connecticut, the Board of Regents for Higher Education,
1181 independent institutions of higher education, the Office of Workforce
1182 Strategy and private industry. Such members shall be subject to term
1183 limits prescribed by the commissioner. Each member shall hold office
1184 until a successor is appointed.

1185 [(b)] (c) The commissioner shall call the first meeting of the advisory
1186 committee not later than October 15, 2016. The advisory committee shall
1187 meet not less than quarterly thereafter and at such other times as the
1188 chairperson deems necessary. The Technology Talent and Innovation
1189 Fund Advisory Committee shall designate the chairperson of the
1190 committee from among its members.

1191 [(c)] (d) No member of the advisory committee shall receive
1192 compensation for such member's service, except that each member shall
1193 be entitled to reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred
1194 during the performance of such member's official duties.

1195 [(d)] (e) A majority of members of the advisory committee shall
1196 constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business or the exercise
1197 of any power of the advisory committee. The advisory committee may
1198 act by a majority of the members present at any meeting at which a
1199 quorum is in attendance, for the transaction of any business or the
1200 exercise of any power of the advisory committee, except as otherwise
1201 provided in this section.

1202 [(e)] (f) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, it shall
1203 not constitute a conflict of interest for a trustee, director, partner or

1204 officer of any person, firm or corporation, or any individual having a
1205 financial interest in a person, firm or corporation, to serve as a member
1206 of the advisory committee, provided such trustee, director, partner,
1207 officer or individual complies with all applicable provisions of chapter
1208 10. All members of the advisory committee shall be deemed public
1209 officials and shall adhere to the code of ethics for public officials set forth
1210 in chapter 10, except that no member shall be required to file a statement
1211 of financial interest as described in section 1-83.

1212 [(f) The Technology Talent Advisory Committee shall, in the
1213 following order of priority, (1) calculate the number of software
1214 developers and other persons (A) employed in technology-based fields
1215 where there is a shortage of qualified employees in this state for
1216 businesses to hire, including, but not limited to, data mining, data
1217 analysis and cybersecurity, and (B) employed by businesses located in
1218 Connecticut as of December 31, 2016; (2) develop pilot programs to
1219 recruit software developers to Connecticut and train residents of the
1220 state in software development and such other technology fields, with
1221 the goal of increasing the number of software developers and persons
1222 employed in such other technology fields residing in Connecticut and
1223 employed by businesses in Connecticut by at least double the number
1224 calculated pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection by January 1,
1225 2026; and (3) identify other technology industries where there is a
1226 shortage of qualified employees in this state for growth stage businesses
1227 to hire.]

1228 (g) The Technology Talent and Innovation Fund Advisory
1229 Committee may partner with institutions of higher education and other
1230 nonprofit organizations to develop [pilot] programs [for (1) marketing
1231 and publicity campaigns designed to recruit technology talent to the
1232 state; (2) student loan deferral or forgiveness for students who start
1233 businesses in the state; and (3) training, apprenticeship and gap-year
1234 initiatives] to expand the technology talent pipeline in the state,
1235 including, but not limited to, in the fields of artificial intelligence and
1236 quantum computing.

1237 [(h) The Technology Talent Advisory Committee shall report, in
1238 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, and present such report
1239 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
1240 cognizance of matters relating to commerce, education, higher
1241 education and finance, revenue and bonding on or before January 1,
1242 2017, concerning the (1) pilot programs developed pursuant to
1243 subsections (f) and (g) of this section, (2) number of software developers
1244 and persons employed in technology-based fields described in
1245 subsection (f) of this section targeted for recruitment pursuant to
1246 subsection (f) of this section, and (3) timeline and measures for reaching
1247 the recruitment target.]

1248 (h) Not later than July 1, 2027, the Technology Talent and Innovation
1249 Fund Advisory Committee shall partner with public and private
1250 institutions of higher education in the state and other training providers
1251 to develop programs in the field of artificial intelligence, including, but
1252 not limited to, in areas such as prompt engineering, artificial intelligence
1253 marketing for small businesses and artificial intelligence for small
1254 business operations.

1255 Sec. 25. Subdivision (6) of subsection (b) of section 32-235 of the 2026
1256 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is
1257 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

1258 (6) For the purpose of funding the costs of the Technology Talent and
1259 Innovation Fund Advisory Committee established pursuant to section
1260 32-7p, as amended by this act, provided not more than ten million
1261 dollars may be used on or after July 1, 2023, for such purpose;

1262 Sec. 26. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) Each employer that serves
1263 written notice on the Labor Department pursuant to 29 USC 2102(a), as
1264 amended from time to time, shall disclose to the department, in a form
1265 and manner prescribed by the Labor Commissioner, whether the layoffs
1266 that are the subject of such written notice are related to the employer's
1267 use of artificial intelligence or another technological change. As used in
1268 this section, "artificial intelligence" has the same meaning as provided

1269 in section 17 of this act.

1270 Sec. 27. Subsection (d) of section 10-145a of the general statutes is
1271 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
1272 *2026*):

1273 (d) On and after July 1, [2020] 2026, any program of teacher
1274 preparation leading to professional certification shall include, as part of
1275 the curriculum, instruction in computer science, which may include
1276 instruction in topics such as the responsible use of emerging
1277 technologies, and instruction in information technology skills as applied
1278 to student learning and classroom instruction that are grade-level and
1279 subject area appropriate.

1280 Sec. 28. Section 32-1o of the general statutes is repealed and the
1281 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1282 (a) As used in this section:

1283 (1) "Advanced manufacturing" has the same meaning as provided in
1284 section 31-11ss;

1285 (2) "Artificial intelligence" means any machine-based system that, for
1286 any explicit or implicit objective, infers from the inputs such system
1287 receives how to generate outputs, including, but not limited to, content,
1288 decisions, predictions or recommendations, that can influence physical
1289 or virtual environments; and

1290 (3) "Quantum computing" means computing based on quantum
1291 mechanical effects, including, but not limited to, superposition and
1292 entanglement, in addition to classical digital manipulations.

1293 [(a)] (b) On or before July 1, 2015, and every four years thereafter, the
1294 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, within
1295 available appropriations, shall prepare an economic development
1296 strategic plan for the state in consultation with the Secretary of the Office
1297 of Policy and Management, the Commissioners of Energy and

1298 Environmental Protection and Transportation, the Labor
1299 Commissioner, the executive directors of the Connecticut Housing
1300 Finance Authority and the Connecticut Health and Educational
1301 Facilities Authority, and the chief executive officer of Connecticut
1302 Innovations, Incorporated, or their respective designees, and any other
1303 agencies the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development
1304 deems appropriate.

1305 [(b)] (c) In developing the strategic plan, the Commissioner of
1306 Economic and Community Development shall:

1307 (1) Ensure that the strategic plan is consistent with (A) the text and
1308 locational guide map of the state plan of conservation and development
1309 adopted pursuant to chapter 297, and (B) the state's consolidated plan
1310 for housing and community development prepared pursuant to section
1311 8-37t;

1312 (2) (A) Consult regional councils of governments, regional planning
1313 organizations, regional economic development agencies, interested
1314 state and local officials, entities involved in economic and community
1315 development, stakeholders and business, economic, labor, community
1316 and housing organizations, and (B) for each strategic plan developed on
1317 or after July 1, 2026, consult with the Connecticut Academy of Science
1318 and Engineering;

1319 (3) (A) Consider [(A)] (i) regional economic, community and housing
1320 development plans, and [(B)] (ii) applicable state and local workforce
1321 investment strategies, and (B) for each strategic plan developed on or
1322 after July 1, 2026, consider plans to foster innovation in advanced
1323 manufacturing, artificial intelligence, quantum computing, robotics and
1324 other emerging technologies;

1325 (4) Assess and evaluate the economic development challenges and
1326 opportunities of the state and against the economic development
1327 competitiveness of other states and regions; and

1328 (5) Host regional forums to provide for public involvement in the

1329 planning process.

1330 [(c)] (d) The strategic plan required under this section shall include,
1331 but not be limited to, the following:

1332 (1) A review and evaluation of the economy of the state, including its
1333 strengths;

1334 (2) A review and analysis of factors, issues and forces that impact or
1335 impede economic development and responsible growth in Connecticut
1336 and its constituent regions;

1337 (3) An analysis of targeted industry sectors in the state that (A)
1338 identifies those industry sectors that are of current or future importance
1339 to the growth of the state's economy and to its global competitive
1340 position, (B) identifies what those industry sectors need for continued
1341 growth, and (C) identifies those industry sectors' current and potential
1342 impediments to growth;

1343 (4) Establishment and articulation of a vision for Connecticut that
1344 identifies where the state should be in the future;

1345 (5) Establishment of prioritized, clear and measurable goals and
1346 objectives for the state and regions and clear steps and strategies to
1347 achieve said goals and objectives, which may include, but shall not be
1348 limited to: (A) The promotion of economic development and
1349 opportunity, (B) the fostering of effective transportation access and
1350 choice including the use of airports and ports for economic
1351 development, (C) enhancement and protection of the environment, (D)
1352 maximization of the effective development and use of the workforce
1353 consistent with applicable state or local workforce investment strategy,
1354 (E) promotion of the use of technology in economic development,
1355 including access to high-speed telecommunications, and (F) the balance
1356 of resources through sound management of physical development;

1357 (6) Establishment of relevant measures that clearly identify and
1358 quantify (A) whether a goal and objective is being met at the state,

1359 regional, local and private sector level, and (B) cause and effect
1360 relationships, and provide a clear and replicable measurement
1361 methodology;

1362 (7) For each strategic plan developed on or after July 1, 2026, (A) a
1363 strategic technology plan to foster innovation in advanced
1364 manufacturing, artificial intelligence and quantum computing, and (B)
1365 an analysis of how the strategic technology plan will promote economic
1366 growth and development in the state;

1367 ~~[(7)] (8)~~ Recommendations on how the state can best achieve goals
1368 under the strategic plan; and

1369 ~~[(8)] (9)~~ Any other responsible growth information that the
1370 commissioner deems appropriate.

1371 ~~[(d)] (e)~~ On or before July 1, 2019, and every four years thereafter, the
1372 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall submit
1373 the economic development strategic plan for the state to the Governor
1374 for approval. The Governor shall review and approve or disapprove
1375 such plan not more than sixty days after submission. The plan shall be
1376 effective upon approval by the Governor or sixty days after the date of
1377 submission.

1378 ~~[(e)] (f)~~ Upon approval, the commissioner shall submit the economic
1379 development strategic plan to the joint standing committees of the
1380 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce,
1381 planning and development, appropriations and the budgets of state
1382 agencies and finance, revenue and bonding. Not later than thirty days
1383 after such submission, the commissioner shall post the plan on the web
1384 site of the Department of Economic and Community Development.

1385 ~~[(f)] (g)~~ The commissioner, from time to time, may revise and update
1386 the strategic plan upon approval of the Governor. The commissioner
1387 shall post any such revisions on the web site of the Department of
1388 Economic and Community Development.

1389 Sec. 29. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Institute for Municipal and
1390 Regional Policy at The University of Connecticut shall conduct a study
1391 to understand and track, and develop a comprehensive strategy to
1392 address, the impact of artificial intelligence on the state's workforce.

1393 (b) The study conducted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section
1394 shall include:

1395 (1) Participation by research partners with expertise in artificial
1396 intelligence, economics, workforce development and related fields;

1397 (2) An assessment of (A) the methods that are available to track
1398 layoffs and job displacements in the state that are associated with
1399 artificial intelligence, (B) the impact that artificial intelligence may have
1400 on (i) entry-level employment in the state, and (ii) women and
1401 populations that are underrepresented in the state's workforce, and (C)
1402 the data elements collected by the Labor Department and other relevant
1403 state agencies that may be used to understand and track the impact of
1404 artificial intelligence on the state's workforce; and

1405 (3) Scenario planning across a range of potential artificial intelligence
1406 adoption and impact levels.

1407 (c) The comprehensive strategy developed pursuant to subsection (a)
1408 of this section shall include recommendations regarding:

1409 (1) Methods to be used by the state to (A) support the collection,
1410 analysis and dissemination of data necessary to understand and track
1411 the impact of artificial intelligence on the state's workforce, and (B) track
1412 layoffs and job displacements in the state that are associated with
1413 artificial intelligence;

1414 (2) Additional data elements to be collected by the Labor Department
1415 and other relevant state agencies to understand and track the impact of
1416 artificial intelligence on the state's workforce;

1417 (3) A framework for recurring analyses to understand and track, and

1418 public reporting to disclose, the impact of artificial intelligence on the
1419 state's workforce; and

1420 (4) Changes in state policies and programs, including, but not limited
1421 to, workforce training and reskilling programs, to mitigate adverse
1422 employment impacts in the state that are associated with artificial
1423 intelligence.

1424 (d) State agencies shall cooperate with the Institute for Municipal and
1425 Regional Policy at The University of Connecticut for the purposes of
1426 conducting the study, and developing the comprehensive strategy,
1427 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

1428 (e) Not later than January 1, 2027, the Institute for Municipal and
1429 Regional Policy at The University of Connecticut shall submit a report
1430 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
1431 cognizance of matters relating to consumer protection, in accordance
1432 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. Such report
1433 shall include the results of the study conducted, and the comprehensive
1434 strategy developed, pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

1435 Sec. 30. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than July 1, 2027, the Office of
1436 Workforce Strategy shall, within available resources, submit a report, in
1437 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
1438 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
1439 cognizance of matters relating to appropriations, labor and consumer
1440 protection. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to:

1441 (1) Data concerning the impacts of artificial intelligence on the state's
1442 workforce, including, but not limited to, the impacts of artificial
1443 intelligence on employment trends and job displacements in the state
1444 associated with artificial intelligence; and

1445 (2) Recommended legislation, regulations and workforce
1446 development actions.

1447 Sec. 31. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) The office of the Treasurer

1448 shall, within available appropriations, make efforts to ensure that the
1449 parents or legal guardian of each designated beneficiary of the
1450 Connecticut Baby Bond Trust established in section 3-36b of the general
1451 statutes is aware of the Connecticut AI Academy established pursuant
1452 to section 17 of this act and the courses and services offered by said
1453 academy.

1454 Sec. 32. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) The Office of Higher Education
1455 shall, within existing appropriations, engage an alliance composed of
1456 the majority of public and private institutions of higher education in the
1457 state regarding the coordination of research, workforce development
1458 and industry partnerships across academic institutions for the purpose
1459 of developing and implementing a program to bolster artificial
1460 intelligence cooperation, including, but not limited to, by:

1461 (1) At least annually, convening a research symposium to present and
1462 highlight artificial intelligence research in the state;

1463 (2) At least quarterly, convening a meeting of academic, industry and
1464 public institutions to identify the state's workforce, skill and
1465 programmatic needs with respect to artificial intelligence;

1466 (3) Implementing a talent-matching program that (A) matches
1467 students with industry-led projects in the field of artificial intelligence,
1468 including, but not limited to, industry-led projects focused on state and
1469 municipal use cases for artificial intelligence, and (B) implements an
1470 artificial intelligence talent pipeline;

1471 (4) (A) At least annually, conducting a competition that is open to the
1472 public, including, but not limited to, students, and requires competition
1473 participants to use artificial intelligence to help solve challenges
1474 identified by state agencies, and (B) not later than sixty days following
1475 completion of such competition, preparing an annual report disclosing
1476 potential solutions to, and best practices to address, such challenges and
1477 submitting such report to the Commissioner of Economic and
1478 Community Development and the joint standing committee of the

1479 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to consumer
1480 protection, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
1481 general statutes;

1482 (5) Fostering connections between technology transfer programs at
1483 public and private institutions of higher education in the state; and

1484 (6) Creating a plan to provide researchers and students with shared
1485 access to high-performance computing.

1486 Sec. 33. (*Effective from passage*) During the fiscal year ending June 30,
1487 2027, the office of the Comptroller shall, in collaboration with
1488 Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated, a center for health care
1489 innovation at a health system in the state and other relevant
1490 stakeholders, conduct a competition for the purpose of fostering
1491 artificial intelligence utilization to improve health equity and health
1492 outcomes in the state. As part of such competition, the office of the
1493 Comptroller shall make relevant data available to competition
1494 participants, in a manner that ensures privacy, for the purpose of
1495 developing artificial intelligence models to improve patient outcomes
1496 while reducing costs. As used in this section, "artificial intelligence" has
1497 the same meaning as provided in section 32-1o of the general statutes,
1498 as amended by this act.

1499 Sec. 34. (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) As used in this section:

1500 (1) "Artificial intelligence" has the same meaning as provided in
1501 section 17 of this act;

1502 (2) "Certified organization" means an independent third-party entity
1503 approved to participate in the pilot program;

1504 (3) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Consumer
1505 Protection;

1506 (4) "Department" means the Department of Consumer Protection;

1507 (5) "Person" has the same meaning as provided in section 42-110a of

1508 the general statutes; and

1509 (6) "Pilot program" means the pilot program established pursuant to
1510 subsection (b) of this section.

1511 (b) The Department of Consumer Protection shall, within available
1512 appropriations, develop and administer a pilot program to evaluate the
1513 use of independent certification programs administered by independent
1514 third-party entities to ensure compliance with the laws of the state
1515 concerning artificial intelligence and data privacy. The pilot program
1516 shall terminate on June 30, 2030.

1517 (c) An independent third-party entity seeking to participate in the
1518 pilot program as a certified organization shall submit an application to
1519 the Department of Consumer Protection in a form and manner
1520 prescribed by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection. Each
1521 application shall include:

1522 (1) A description of the specific harms or risks such independent
1523 third-party entity seeks to prevent or mitigate through such entity's
1524 independent certification program;

1525 (2) A detailed explanation of such independent third-party entity's
1526 evaluation and certification process for such entity's independent
1527 certification program, including, but not limited to, how such entity
1528 determines whether a person participating in such program is using
1529 industry best practices;

1530 (3) Such independent third-party entity's (A) technical, governance
1531 and audit methodologies for such entity's independent certification
1532 program, (B) ongoing monitoring, reassessment and enforcement
1533 procedures for such program, including, but not limited to, such
1534 person's corrective action procedures for such program, (C) policies to
1535 ensure independence and transparency and to avoid conflicts of
1536 interest, and (D) governance structure;

1537 (4) The qualifications of such independent third-party entity's

1538 personnel who are involved in such entity's independent certification
1539 program; and

1540 (5) Any additional information the commissioner requires for the
1541 purposes of this section.

1542 (d) The Department of Consumer Protection shall approve not more
1543 than five certified organizations to participate in the pilot program. The
1544 department shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with each
1545 certified organization. Each memorandum of understanding shall:

1546 (1) Define the scope of such certified organization's independent
1547 certification program and the specific harms or risks to be prevented or
1548 mitigated through such program;

1549 (2) Establish (A) minimum certification and auditing standards for
1550 persons participating in such certified organization's independent
1551 certification program, and (B) procedures for certification suspension or
1552 revocation for persons participating in such program;

1553 (3) Require such certified organization to share data with, and submit
1554 an annual report to, the department, in a form and manner prescribed
1555 by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection; and

1556 (4) Require each person participating in such certified organization's
1557 independent certification program to participate in such program in a
1558 manner that is transparent to the public.

1559 (e) (1) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, persons
1560 participating in a certified organization's independent certification
1561 program shall receive evidentiary proof of having met a duty of care.

1562 (2) The provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not apply
1563 to any person participating in a certified organization's independent
1564 certification program if such person:

1565 (A) Acted in a wilful, wanton or reckless manner;

1566 (B) Materially misrepresented information to the certified
1567 organization; or

1568 (C) Failed to implement any corrective action required by the
1569 certified organization.

1570 (f) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may suspend or
1571 revoke a certified organization's approval to participate in the pilot
1572 program if the commissioner determines, in the commissioner's
1573 discretion, that:

1574 (1) Such certified organization's certification process is ineffective or
1575 misleading;

1576 (2) Such certified organization has failed to adhere to its
1577 memorandum of understanding with the Department of Consumer
1578 Protection;

1579 (3) Such certified organization is not an independent third-party
1580 entity; or

1581 (4) Continued participation by such certified organization in the pilot
1582 program would not be in the public interest.

1583 (g) Not later than December 31, 2028, the Department of Consumer
1584 Protection shall, in consultation with the Institute for Municipal and
1585 Regional Policy at The University of Connecticut, evaluate the pilot
1586 program and recommend legislation based on such evaluation,
1587 including, but not limited to, legislation to modify or extend the pilot
1588 program. The evaluation shall be designed to assess the performance
1589 and impact of the pilot program, including, but not limited to, the extent
1590 to which the pilot program advanced its purposes as set forth in this
1591 section. The Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy at The
1592 University of Connecticut shall develop appropriate evaluation criteria
1593 and methodologies, which may take into account:

1594 (1) The structure, requirements and implementation of the pilot

1595 program;

1596 (2) Whether the pilot program effectively reduced harm;

1597 (3) The extent to which industry participated in the pilot program;

1598 (4) The impact of the pilot program on innovation and economic
1599 growth;

1600 (5) The effectiveness of the certification standards for participation in
1601 the pilot program; and

1602 (6) Whether the pilot program should be continued, expanded,
1603 modified or established as a permanent program, and, if such pilot
1604 program should be continued or established as a permanent program,
1605 (A) which state agency should administer such program, and (B) what
1606 information should be reported to such state agency to ensure that such
1607 program is effective.

1608 (h) Not later than January 31, 2028, the Institute for Municipal and
1609 Regional Policy at The University of Connecticut shall submit a report
1610 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
1611 cognizance of matters relating to consumer protection, in accordance
1612 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. Such report
1613 shall include, but need not be limited to, the results of the evaluation
1614 performed pursuant to subsection (g) of this section.

1615 Sec. 35. Subsection (a) of section 10-16b of the general statutes is
1616 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
1617 *2026*):

1618 (a) In the public schools the program of instruction offered shall
1619 include at least the following subject matter, as taught by legally
1620 qualified teachers, the arts; career education; consumer education;
1621 personal financial management and financial literacy; health and safety,
1622 including, but not limited to, human growth and development,
1623 nutrition, first aid, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation training in

1624 accordance with the provisions of section 10-16qq, disease prevention
1625 and cancer awareness, including, but not limited to, age and
1626 developmentally appropriate instruction in performing self-
1627 examinations for the purposes of screening for breast cancer and
1628 testicular cancer, community and consumer health, physical, mental
1629 and emotional health, including youth suicide prevention, substance
1630 abuse prevention, including instruction relating to opioid use and
1631 related disorders, safety, which shall include the safe use of social
1632 media, as defined in section 9-601, and may include the dangers of gang
1633 membership, and accident prevention; language arts, including reading,
1634 writing, grammar, speaking and spelling; mathematics; physical
1635 education; science, which may include the climate change curriculum
1636 described in subsection (d) of this section; social studies, including, but
1637 not limited to, civics and media literacy, citizenship, economics,
1638 geography, government, history and Holocaust and genocide education
1639 and awareness in accordance with the provisions of section 10-18f;
1640 African-American and black studies in accordance with the provisions
1641 of section 10-16ss; Puerto Rican and Latino studies in accordance with
1642 the provisions of section 10-16ss; Native American studies, in
1643 accordance with the provisions of section 10-16vv; Asian American and
1644 Pacific Islander studies, in accordance with the provisions of section 10-
1645 66ww; computer science, including, but not limited to, computer
1646 programming instruction, artificial intelligence and emerging
1647 technologies; and in addition, on at least the secondary level, one or
1648 more world languages; vocational education; and the black and Latino
1649 studies course in accordance with the provisions of sections 10-16tt and
1650 10-16uu. For purposes of this subsection, world languages shall include
1651 American Sign Language, provided such subject matter is taught by a
1652 qualified instructor under the supervision of a teacher who holds a
1653 certificate issued by the State Board of Education. For purposes of this
1654 subsection, the "arts" means any form of visual or performing arts,
1655 which may include, but not be limited to, dance, music, art and theatre;
1656 and "reading" means evidence-based instruction that focuses on
1657 competency in oral language, phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency,
1658 vocabulary, rapid automatic name or letter name fluency and reading

1659 comprehension.

1660 Sec. 36. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Attorney General shall,
1661 within available appropriations, partner with a nonprofit organization
1662 to develop and administer a technology fellowship pilot program. As
1663 part of such pilot program, the Attorney General shall, in consultation
1664 with the nonprofit organization, appoint a technology fellow. The
1665 technology fellow shall assist the office of the Attorney General by (1)
1666 assisting the office in its efforts to acquire technical knowledge
1667 concerning artificial intelligence, cybersecurity and data privacy, and (2)
1668 offering relevant advice to the office in developing proposed legislation
1669 and related materials to assist the office with its educational and
1670 enforcement efforts. The pilot program shall terminate on June 30, 2029.

1671 Sec. 37. Section 4-67p of the general statutes is repealed and the
1672 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2027*):

1673 (a) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall
1674 designate an employee of the Office of Policy and Management to serve
1675 as Chief Data Officer. The Chief Data Officer shall be responsible for (1)
1676 directing executive branch agencies on the use and management of data
1677 to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of state programs and
1678 policies, (2) facilitating the sharing and use of executive branch agency
1679 data (A) between executive branch agencies, and (B) with the public, (3)
1680 coordinating data analytics and transparency master planning for
1681 executive branch agencies, and (4) creating the state data plan in
1682 accordance with subsection (c) of this section. The Chief Data Officer
1683 shall carry out the responsibilities set forth in subdivisions (1) to (3),
1684 inclusive, of this subsection in accordance with the state data plan
1685 created pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

1686 (b) Each executive branch agency shall designate an employee of the
1687 agency to serve as the agency data officer, who shall be responsible for
1688 implementing the provisions of this section and who shall serve as the
1689 main contact person for inquiries, requests or concerns regarding access
1690 to the data of such agency. The agency data officer, in consultation with

1691 the Chief Data Officer and the executive agency head, shall establish
1692 procedures to ensure that requests for data that the agency receives are
1693 complied with in an appropriate and prompt manner.

1694 (c) Not later than December 31, 2018, and every two years thereafter,
1695 the Chief Data Officer, in consultation with the agency data officers and
1696 executive branch agency heads, shall create a state data plan. The state
1697 data plan shall (1) establish management and data analysis standards
1698 across all executive branch agencies, (2) include specific, achievable
1699 goals within the two years following adoption of such plan, as well as
1700 longer term goals, (3) make recommendations to enhance
1701 standardization and integration of data systems and data management
1702 practices across all executive branch agencies, (4) provide a timeline for
1703 a review of any state or federal legal concerns or other obstacles to the
1704 internal sharing of data among agencies, including security and privacy
1705 concerns, and (5) set goals for improving the online repository
1706 established pursuant to subsection (i) of this section. Each state data
1707 plan shall provide for a procedure for each agency head to report to the
1708 Chief Data Officer regarding the agency's progress toward achieving the
1709 plan's goals. Such plan may make recommendations concerning data
1710 management for the legislative or judicial branch agencies, but such
1711 recommendations shall not be binding on such agencies.

1712 (d) The Chief Data Officer shall submit a preliminary draft of such
1713 plan to the Connecticut Data Analysis Technology Advisory Board
1714 established under section 2-79e not later than November 1, 2018, and
1715 every two years thereafter. Said board shall hold a public hearing on
1716 such draft and shall submit any suggested revisions to the Chief Data
1717 Officer not later than thirty days after receipt of such draft.

1718 (e) After the public hearing and if applicable, receiving any
1719 recommended revisions from the board, the Chief Data Officer shall
1720 finalize such plan and submit the final plan to the board. The Chief Data
1721 Officer shall send a copy of the final state data plan to all agency data
1722 officers and shall post such plan on the Internet web site of the Office of
1723 Policy and Management.

1724 (f) Information technology-related actions and initiatives of all
1725 executive branch agencies, including, but not limited to, the acquisition
1726 of hardware and software and the development of software, shall be
1727 consistent with the final state data plan.

1728 (g) On or before December 31, 2018, and not less than annually
1729 thereafter, each executive branch agency shall conduct an inventory of
1730 any high value data that is collected or possessed by the agency. Such
1731 inventory shall be in a form prescribed by the Chief Data Officer. In
1732 conducting such inventory, data shall be presumed to be public data
1733 unless otherwise classified by federal or state law or regulation. On or
1734 before December 31, 2018, and not less than annually thereafter, each
1735 executive branch agency shall submit such inventory to the Chief Data
1736 Officer and the Connecticut Data Analysis Technology Advisory Board.

1737 (h) Each executive branch agency shall develop an open data access
1738 plan. Such plan shall be in a form prescribed by the Office of Policy and
1739 Management and shall detail the agency's plan to publish, as open data,
1740 any public data that the agency has identified and any protected data
1741 that can be made public through aggregation, redaction of individually
1742 identifiable information or other means sufficient to satisfy applicable
1743 state or federal law or regulation.

1744 (i) The Office of Policy and Management shall operate and maintain
1745 an online repository for the publication of open data by executive
1746 branch agencies.

1747 (j) Not later than January 1, 2028, the Chief Data Officer, in
1748 consultation with the agency data officers designated pursuant to
1749 subsection (b) of this section, shall review the inventory of all high value
1750 data collected or possessed by executive branch agencies pursuant to
1751 subsection (g) of this section to identify and publish any data that could
1752 be useful for artificial intelligence systems, machine learning and other
1753 statistical means of data analysis to create economic opportunity and
1754 support state economic development goals, through private businesses,
1755 nonprofit organizations and other entities that will use such data,

1756 consistent with all applicable laws and regulations. The Chief Data
1757 Officer and agency data officers shall:

1758 (1) Identify appropriate data to make available for use by artificial
1759 intelligence systems, machine learning and other statistical means of
1760 data analysis;

1761 (2) Develop policies and procedures for data quality and data
1762 governance to ensure data are appropriate for the intended purpose and
1763 do not lead to any unlawful discrimination or disparate impact, as
1764 described in subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of
1765 section 51-10e;

1766 (3) Determine any necessary aggregation, redaction of individually
1767 identifiable information or application of other techniques required to
1768 ensure and preserve privacy and to satisfy all applicable state or federal
1769 laws and regulations for the public disclosure of data; and

1770 (4) Determine the procedures through which agencies shall make any
1771 such data available via publication on the online repository established
1772 pursuant to subsection (i) of this section.

1773 [(j)] (k) Any state agency that is not an executive branch agency and
1774 any quasi-public agency or municipality may voluntarily opt to comply
1775 with the provisions of this section and, upon submission of written
1776 notice of the agency's or municipality's decision to the Office of Policy
1777 and Management, the provisions of this section shall apply to such
1778 agency or municipality. Any state or quasi-public agency or any
1779 municipality that voluntarily opts to comply with the provisions of this
1780 section may opt out of complying with this section upon submission of
1781 written notice of the agency's or municipality's decision to the Office of
1782 Policy and Management. The Office of Policy and Management shall
1783 create and maintain a list of all agencies subject to the provisions of this
1784 section, including those agencies and municipalities that have
1785 voluntarily opted to comply, and shall publish such list on the office's
1786 Internet web site and update such list as necessary.

1787 Sec. 38. Section 4a-2e of the general statutes is repealed and the
1788 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

1789 (a) For the purposes of this section:

1790 (1) "Artificial intelligence" means (A) an artificial system that (i)
1791 performs tasks under varying and unpredictable circumstances without
1792 significant human oversight or can learn from experience and improve
1793 such performance when exposed to data sets, (ii) is developed in any
1794 context, including, but not limited to, software or physical hardware,
1795 and solves tasks requiring human-like perception, cognition, planning,
1796 learning, communication or physical action, or (iii) is designed to (I)
1797 think or act like a human, including, but not limited to, a cognitive
1798 architecture or neural network, or (II) act rationally, including, but not
1799 limited to, an intelligent software agent or embodied robot that achieves
1800 goals using perception, planning, reasoning, learning, communication,
1801 decision-making or action, or (B) a set of techniques, including, but not
1802 limited to, machine learning, that is designed to approximate a cognitive
1803 task; and

1804 (2) "State agency" has the same meaning as provided in section 4d-1.

1805 (b) (1) Not later than December 31, [2023] 2026, and annually
1806 thereafter, the Department of Administrative Services shall conduct an
1807 inventory of all systems that employ artificial intelligence and are in use
1808 by any state agency. Each such inventory shall include at least the
1809 following information for each such system, to the extent practicable
1810 based on available data:

1811 (A) The name of such system and the vendor, if any, that provided
1812 such system;

1813 (B) A description of the general capabilities and uses of such system;

1814 (C) Whether such system was used to independently make, inform or
1815 materially support a conclusion, decision or judgment; [and]

1816 (D) Whether such system underwent an impact assessment prior to
1817 implementation;

1818 (E) The date of the last impact assessment;

1819 (F) Whether such system has access to personally identifiable
1820 information of individuals in the state; and

1821 (G) The known risks of such system toward individuals in the state,
1822 communities and state employees.

1823 (2) The Department of Administrative Services shall make each
1824 inventory conducted pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection
1825 publicly available on the state's open data portal.

1826 (3) The Department of Administrative Services shall establish
1827 definitions, reporting standards and submission formats for state
1828 agencies to use in their submissions.

1829 (c) Beginning on February 1, 2024, the Department of Administrative
1830 Services shall perform ongoing assessments of systems that employ
1831 artificial intelligence and are in use by state agencies to ensure that no
1832 such system shall result in any unlawful discrimination or disparate
1833 impact described in subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of subsection
1834 (b) of section 4-68jj. The department shall perform such assessment in
1835 accordance with the policies and procedures established by the Office of
1836 Policy and Management pursuant to subsection (b) of section 4-68jj.

1837 Sec. 39. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) As used in this section:

1838 (1) "Artificial intelligence technology" (A) means a computer system,
1839 application or other product that uses or incorporates one or more forms
1840 of artificial intelligence, and (B) does not include any cybersecurity tool,
1841 data analytics tool or system where artificial intelligence is incidental
1842 and not determinative; and

1843 (2) "State agency" has the same meaning as provided in section 1-79
1844 of the general statutes.

1845 (b) (1) No state agency, or any entity acting on behalf of a state
1846 agency, shall, directly or indirectly, utilize or apply any artificial
1847 intelligence technology in performing any function that (A) is related to
1848 the delivery of any public assistance benefit to individuals in the state
1849 by such agency, or (B) will have a material impact on the rights, civil
1850 liberties, safety or welfare of individuals in the state, unless such
1851 utilization or application is in compliance with policies and standards
1852 established by the Office of Policy and Management and the
1853 Department of Administrative Services.

1854 (2) No state agency shall authorize any procurement, purchase or
1855 acquisition of any artificial intelligence technology, except where the use
1856 of such system is in compliance with policies and standards established
1857 by the Office of Policy and Management and the Department of
1858 Administrative Services.

1859 (3) If a state agency is authorized to procure, purchase or acquire an
1860 artificial intelligence technology, the state agency shall complete an
1861 artificial intelligence impact assessment in compliance with policies and
1862 standards established by the Office of Policy and Management and the
1863 Department of Administrative Services.

1864 (c) Any artificial intelligence impact assessment completed pursuant
1865 to subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of this section shall be submitted to
1866 the Commissioner of Administrative Services, in a form and manner
1867 prescribed by the commissioner, and posted on the agency's Internet
1868 web site not later than sixty days prior to deployment of such artificial
1869 intelligence technology. Any agency may redact any data in such impact
1870 statement to remove personally identifiable information of any
1871 individual.

1872 Sec. 40. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2028*) (a) As used in this section:

1873 (1) "Covered minor" means any covered user who is younger than
1874 eighteen years of age;

1875 (2) "Covered operator" (A) means any operator who operates or

1876 provides a covered platform, and (B) does not include the federal
1877 government, any state or municipal government or any agency or
1878 instrumentality of the federal government or of any state or municipal
1879 government;

1880 (3) "Covered platform" (A) means any platform that, as a significant
1881 part of the services offered, recommends, selects or prioritizes for
1882 display, either concurrently or sequentially, media items generated or
1883 shared on a platform by users of such platform, and (B) does not include
1884 any platform that (i) primarily facilitates the sale of goods, or (ii) is used
1885 solely for educational purposes pursuant to a contract required under
1886 section 10-234bb of the general statutes;

1887 (4) "Covered user" means any user of a covered platform in this state
1888 who is not acting as the covered operator, or as an agent or affiliate of
1889 the covered operator, of the covered platform;

1890 (5) "Media item" means any text, image or video;

1891 (6) "Operator" means any individual, corporation, limited liability
1892 company, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability partnership,
1893 association, joint stock company, unincorporated organization or other
1894 legal entity that operates or provides a platform;

1895 (7) "Platform" means any Internet web site, online service, online
1896 application, mobile application or social media platform, or any portion
1897 thereof; and

1898 (8) "Sensitive content" means any content that the covered operator
1899 of a covered platform deems to be in violation of the community
1900 standards, or any similar guidelines or standards, such covered operator
1901 has established for the covered platform.

1902 (b) (1) No covered operator of a covered platform shall allow a
1903 covered user to access any portion of the covered platform that
1904 recommends, selects or prioritizes for display, either concurrently or
1905 sequentially, media items generated or shared by users of such covered

1906 platform if such recommendation, selection or prioritization is based, in
1907 whole or in part, on any information associated with the covered user
1908 or such covered user's device, unless:

1909 (A) (i) The covered operator has used commercially reasonable and
1910 technically feasible methods to determine that the covered user is not a
1911 covered minor; or

1912 (ii) If the covered user is a covered minor, the covered operator has
1913 obtained verifiable consent from the covered minor's parent or legal
1914 guardian to recommend, select or prioritize media items for such
1915 covered minor in the manner set forth in this subdivision;

1916 (B) The recommendation, selection or prioritization (i) is based on
1917 information that is not persistently associated with the covered user or
1918 the covered user's device, and (ii) does not concern the covered user's
1919 previous interactions with media items generated or shared by other
1920 users of such covered platform;

1921 (C) The recommendation, selection or prioritization is based on (i)
1922 privacy or accessibility settings selected by the covered user, or (ii)
1923 technical information concerning the covered user's device;

1924 (D) The covered user has expressly and unambiguously requested
1925 the display, blocking, prioritization or deprioritization of any specific
1926 media item, media items from a specific author, creator or poster to
1927 whom, or source to which, the covered user has subscribed or media
1928 items shared by users to a specific page or group to which the covered
1929 user has subscribed;

1930 (E) The recommended, selected or prioritized media item is a direct
1931 and private communication;

1932 (F) The media item is recommended, selected or prioritized solely in
1933 response to a specific search inquiry made by the covered user;

1934 (G) The media item is recommended, selected or prioritized for

1935 display solely because the media item (i) immediately follows any other
1936 media item in a preexisting sequence, and (ii) is from the same author,
1937 creator, poster or source; or

1938 (H) The recommendation, selection or prioritization is necessary to
1939 comply with any other provision of this section.

1940 (2) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, a
1941 covered operator that has used commercially reasonable and technically
1942 feasible methods to determine a covered user's age and is unable to
1943 determine whether the covered user is a covered minor shall presume
1944 that such covered user is not a covered minor for the purposes of this
1945 subsection.

1946 (B) A covered operator shall treat a covered user as a covered minor
1947 if the covered operator obtains actual knowledge that the covered user
1948 is a covered minor.

1949 (3) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision:

1950 (i) No information that is collected for the purpose of determining a
1951 covered user's age under this subsection shall be used for any other
1952 purpose, and such information shall be deleted immediately after an
1953 attempt is made to determine the covered user's age; and

1954 (ii) No information that is collected for the purpose of obtaining
1955 verifiable consent from a covered minor's parent or legal guardian shall
1956 be used for any other purpose, and such information shall be deleted
1957 immediately after an attempt is made to obtain such verifiable consent.

1958 (B) Any information that is collected for any purpose set forth in
1959 subparagraph (A) of this subdivision may be used or retained if such
1960 use or retention is necessary to comply with any federal law or
1961 regulation or any other law or regulation of this state.

1962 (4) No covered operator shall withhold or degrade, or reduce the
1963 quality or increase the price of, any product, service or feature due to

1964 the prohibition against recommending, selecting or prioritizing media
1965 items in the manner set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection, unless
1966 such withholding, degradation, reduction or increase is necessary for
1967 such covered operator to comply with the provisions of this subsection.

1968 (5) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit any
1969 covered operator from taking any action to restrict access to, or the
1970 availability of, any media item that such covered operator in good faith
1971 considers to be obscene, lewd, lascivious, filthy, excessively violent,
1972 harassing or otherwise objectionable, regardless of whether such media
1973 item is protected under the Constitution of the state or the Constitution
1974 of the United States.

1975 (c) (1) (A) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the
1976 covered operator of a covered platform shall ensure that the covered
1977 platform displays a clear and conspicuous warning, in black lettering
1978 appearing against a white background and enclosed by a black border,
1979 that reads:

1980 "The Surgeon General has warned that while social media may have
1981 benefits for some young users, social media is associated with
1982 significant mental health harms and has not been proven safe for young
1983 users."

1984 (B) The covered operator of a covered platform shall ensure that, with
1985 respect to each day on which a covered user uses the covered platform,
1986 the warning required under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision is
1987 displayed to the covered user (i) when such covered user first accesses
1988 such covered platform on such day, in which case such warning shall (I)
1989 occupy at least seventy-five per cent of the screen or window by which
1990 such covered user accesses such covered platform on such day, and (II)
1991 be displayed continuously for a period of at least thirty seconds without
1992 allowing such covered user to dismiss such warning or shorten such
1993 period, and (ii) immediately after such covered user has used such
1994 covered platform for three continuous or noncontinuous hours during
1995 such day, and immediately after each additional continuous or

1996 noncontinuous hour of use during such day, in which case such warning
1997 shall (I) occupy at least twenty-five per cent of the screen or window by
1998 which such covered user has accessed such covered platform during
1999 such day, and (II) be displayed continuously for a period of at least ten
2000 seconds unless the covered user affirmatively dismisses such warning
2001 by clicking on a conspicuous "X" icon.

2002 (2) No covered operator shall be required to display the warning
2003 required under subdivision (1) of this subsection to any covered user
2004 whom the covered operator has reasonably determined is not a covered
2005 minor.

2006 (d) (1) No covered operator shall send any notification to a covered
2007 minor concerning any recommendation, selection or prioritization
2008 made in the manner set forth in subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this
2009 section, unless:

2010 (A) Such notification is sent to the covered minor during the hours
2011 between eight o'clock a.m. and nine o'clock p.m. eastern time; or

2012 (B) The covered operator has obtained verifiable consent from the
2013 covered minor's parent or legal guardian to send notifications to such
2014 covered minor outside of the time frame set forth in subparagraph (A)
2015 of this subdivision.

2016 (2) Each covered operator shall:

2017 (A) As a default setting for such covered operator's covered platform
2018 and unless otherwise required by a covered minor's verified parent or
2019 legal guardian pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, (i)
2020 prevent the covered minor from accessing or receiving any notification
2021 described in subdivision (1) of this subsection outside of the time frame
2022 set forth in subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of this subsection, (ii)
2023 limit the covered minor's access to any portion of such covered
2024 operator's covered platform that recommends, selects or prioritizes
2025 media items in the manner set forth in subdivision (1) of subsection (b)
2026 of this section to a maximum period of one hour per day, (iii) set the

2027 covered minor's covered platform account to a mode that does not allow
2028 users, other than users to whom such covered minor is connected, to
2029 view or respond to content posted by, or chat or exchange messages
2030 with, such covered minor, and (iv) prevent the covered minor from
2031 accessing, viewing or receiving sensitive content; and

2032 (B) Establish and maintain a mechanism by which a covered minor's
2033 verified parent or legal guardian may require such covered operator to
2034 (i) prevent the covered minor from accessing or receiving any
2035 notification described in subdivision (1) of this subsection outside of a
2036 time frame specified by such parent or legal guardian, (ii) limit the
2037 covered minor's access to any portion of such covered operator's
2038 covered platform that recommends, selects or prioritizes media items in
2039 the manner set forth in subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section
2040 to a maximum daily period specified by such parent or legal guardian,
2041 or (iii) set the covered minor's covered platform account to a mode that
2042 does not allow users, other than users to whom such covered minor is
2043 connected, to view or respond to content posted by, or chat or exchange
2044 messages with, such covered minor.

2045 (e) Not later than March 1, 2028, and annually thereafter, each
2046 covered operator shall publicly disclose, in a form and manner
2047 prescribed by the Attorney General, the following information for the
2048 preceding calendar year:

2049 (1) The total number of covered users who used the covered
2050 operator's covered platform during such year;

2051 (2) The portion of the total number of covered users described in
2052 subdivision (1) of this subsection for whom the covered operator
2053 obtained verifiable consent from a parent or legal guardian under
2054 subparagraph (A)(ii) of subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section;

2055 (3) The portion of the total number of covered users described in
2056 subdivision (1) of this subsection for whom the default settings set forth
2057 in subparagraph (A) of subdivision (2) of subsection (d) of this section

2058 were enabled, and the portion of such total number of covered users for
 2059 whom such default settings were not enabled; and

2060 (4) The average amount of time per day that covered users used the
 2061 covered operator's covered platform, broken down by user age and
 2062 hour of day.

2063 (f) Nothing in this section shall be construed to (1) require a covered
 2064 operator to provide a covered minor's parent or legal guardian with
 2065 access to, or control over, the covered minor's covered platform account
 2066 or any data associated therewith, unless provision of such access or
 2067 control is specifically required by this section, or (2) impose liability for
 2068 any commercial activity or action by a covered operator subject to 15
 2069 USC 6501, as amended from time to time, that is inconsistent with the
 2070 manner in which such commercial activity or action is treated under 15
 2071 USC 6502, as amended from time to time.

2072 (g) A violation of any provision of subsections (b) to (e), inclusive, of
 2073 this section shall be deemed an unfair or deceptive trade practice under
 2074 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	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	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>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 31	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 32	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 33	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 34	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 35	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	10-16b(a)
Sec. 36	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 37	<i>July 1, 2027</i>	4-67p
Sec. 38	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	4a-2e
Sec. 39	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 40	<i>January 1, 2028</i>	New section