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"AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO ESTABLISH AN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM."

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

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section, (1)
4 "artificial intelligence" means a machine-based system that makes
5 predictions, recommendations or decisions influencing real or virtual
6 environments, (2) "artificial intelligence technology" means a computer
7 system, application or other product that uses or incorporates one or
8 more forms of artificial intelligence, and (3) "financial assistance" means
9 any and all forms of grants, extensions of credit, loans or loan
10 guarantees, equity investments or other forms of financing.

11 (b) The Department of Economic and Community Development shall

12 develop a plan to establish an artificial intelligence small business
13 program for the purpose of (1) providing financial assistance to eligible
14 small businesses to adopt and deploy artificial intelligence to achieve
15 improvements in productivity and the quality of any products or
16 services offered by such small businesses, and (2) establishing a
17 competitive small business environment for the development and
18 deployment of artificial intelligence technologies. Such plan shall
19 include, but need not be limited to, eligibility criteria and an application
20 process with guidelines and terms for financial assistance for the
21 program, and a requirement that, as a condition of receiving financial
22 assistance, any applicant train such applicant's employees to work with
23 artificial intelligence and prepare any such employees, whose jobs may
24 be displaced as a result of the adoption of artificial intelligence, for new
25 roles with the applicant.

26 (c) Not later than January 1, 2027, the Department of Economic and
27 Community Development shall report on such plan, including any
28 recommendations for legislative action required to implement such
29 plan, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
30 statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
31 having cognizance of matters relating to commerce."

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