

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, OCTOBER 26, 2022

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled
 2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the
 3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the
 4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative
 5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,
 6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or
 7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or
 8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative
 9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and
 10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative
 11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,
 12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the
 13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive
 14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of
 15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and
 16 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards,
 17 and commissions; providing for judicial administration; and
 18 prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation
 19 of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of
 20 certain departments, boards and commissions shall be
 21 determined," in powers and duties of the Department of State
 22 and its departmental administrative board, providing for
 23 artificial intelligence registry.

24 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 25 hereby enacts as follows:

26 Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known
 27 as The Administrative Code of 1929, is amended by adding a
 28 section to read:

29 Section 817. Artificial Intelligence Registry.--(a) The

1 Department of State shall establish a registry of businesses
2 operating artificial intelligence systems in this Commonwealth.

3 (b) The Department of State shall coordinate with other
4 State agencies that have contact with businesses operating
5 artificial intelligence systems to establish a paper and an
6 online registry form to enable State agencies to assist the
7 Department of State in registering businesses in the registry.

8 (c) The Department of State shall provide access to a paper
9 and an online registry form which contain a statement indicating
10 the purpose for the registry. The forms shall be developed to
11 obtain the following information relating to the business
12 operating artificial intelligence systems:

13 (1) The name of the business operating artificial
14 intelligence systems.

15 (2) The IP address of the business.

16 (3) The type of code the business is utilizing for
17 artificial intelligence.

18 (4) The intent of the software being utilized.

19 (5) The personal information and first and last name of a
20 contact person at the business.

21 (6) The address, electronic email address and ten-digit
22 telephone number of the contact person under paragraph (5).

23 (7) A signed statement, or, for online applicants, a box
24 that is checked, indicating that the business operating an
25 artificial intelligence system has agreed for the Department of
26 State to store the business' information on the registry.

27 (d) Information collected under this section may not be sold
28 or used for commercial purposes or used for purposes not
29 specified under this section. Information collected under this
30 section for the registry shall be exempt from disclosure under

1 the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the Right-
2 to-Know Law.

3 (e) The department shall maintain a searchable online
4 database for businesses operating artificial intelligence
5 systems.

6 (f) By January 1, 2024, and each January 1 thereafter, the
7 Department of State shall submit to the chairperson and minority
8 chairperson of the Commerce Committee of the Senate and the
9 chairperson and minority chairperson of the Commerce Committee
10 of the House of Representatives a report on the registry which
11 shall include:

12 (1) The total number of businesses operating artificial
13 intelligence systems registered with the Department of State.

14 (2) The number of registrants received by each State agency.

15 (3) Expenses incurred by the Department of State.

16 (g) As used in this section, the term "artificial
17 intelligence" shall mean the theory and development of computer
18 systems able to perform tasks that normally require human
19 intelligence.

20 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.