

1 HB485
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SYNOPSIS: This bill would prohibit state or local law enforcement agencies from using facial recognition technology match results as the sole basis for making an arrest or for establishing probable cause in a criminal investigation.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to facial recognition technology; to prohibit state or local state or local law enforcement agencies from using facial recognition match results as the sole basis for making an arrest or for establishing probable cause in a criminal investigation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this Act the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(1) FACIAL RECOGNITION TECHNOLOGY. Any computer software or application that, for the purpose of attempting to

1 determine the identity of an unknown individual, generates
2 facial biometric data, searches for matching facial biometric
3 data in a database populated with many individuals' facial
4 biometric data linked to personally identifiable information,
5 and provides match results based on the similarity between the
6 unknown individual's facial biometric data and the facial
7 biometric data in the database.

8 (2) FACIAL BIOMETRIC DATA. A unique numerical
9 representation of an individual's face generated by facial
10 recognition technology based on measurements derived from a
11 facial image, also known as a facial template.

12 Section 2. (a) A state or local law enforcement
13 agency may not use facial recognition technology match results
14 as the sole basis to establish probable cause in a criminal
15 investigation or to make an arrest.

16 (b) To establish probable cause in a criminal
17 investigation or to make an arrest, a state or local law
18 enforcement agency may use facial recognition technology match
19 results only in conjunction with other lawfully obtained
20 information and evidence.

21 Section 3. This act shall become effective on the
22 first day of the third month following its passage and
23 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.