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SYNOPSIS: This bill would establish the Alabama Council on Advanced Technology and Artificial Intelligence to review and advise the Governor, the Legislature, and the education, health services, workforce development, and manufacturing communities on the use and development of advanced technology and artificial intelligence in this state.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To establish the Alabama Council on Advanced Technology and Artificial Intelligence to review and advise the Governor, the Legislature, and other interested parties on the use and development of advanced technology and artificial intelligence in this state.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

1 Section 1. (a) There is established the Alabama
2 Council on Advanced Technology and Artificial Intelligence.

3 (b) The council shall review and advise the Governor
4 and the Legislature on all aspects of the use and development
5 of advanced technology and artificial intelligence in this
6 state.

7 (c) The council shall be composed of the following
8 members:

9 (1) Fourteen members appointed by the Governor.

10 (2) The Secretary of Commerce, or his or her
11 designee.

12 (3) The Secretary of Information Technology, or his
13 or her designee.

14 (4) Two members appointed by the Lieutenant
15 Governor, at least one of whom shall be an employee, board
16 member, or trustee of an Alabama public community college or a
17 four-year public institution of higher education.

18 (5) Two members of the Alabama House of
19 Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House.

20 (6) Two members of the Alabama Senate appointed by
21 the Senate President Pro Tempore.

22 (d) All persons appointed to the council other than
23 legislators shall have one or more of the following
24 qualifications: Expertise in matters relating to artificial
25 intelligence, workforce development, technology, ethics,
26 privacy, or computer science.

1 (e) Members of the council appointed by the Governor
2 and Lieutenant Governor shall serve at the pleasure of the
3 Governor and Lieutenant Governor, respectively. Legislative
4 members shall serve a term concurrent with the legislative
5 term in which they were appointed.

6 (f) The first meeting of the council shall be called
7 by the Governor or his or her designee and the commission
8 members shall elect a chair and vice chair. The council shall
9 establish procedures and other policies necessary to carry on
10 the business of the council, including the establishment of a
11 quorum. The council shall meet at least twice a year, but may
12 meet more frequently upon the call of the chair. Members of
13 the council may participate in a meeting of the council by
14 means of conference telephone, video conference, or similar
15 communications equipment by means which allow all persons
16 participating in the meeting to hear each other and otherwise
17 participate in the meeting. Participation by any of these
18 means shall constitute presence in person at a meeting for all
19 purposes, including the establishment of a quorum.

20 (g) The appointing authorities shall coordinate
21 their appointments to assure that council membership is
22 inclusive and reflects the racial, gender, geographic, urban,
23 rural, and economic diversity of the state.

24 (h) (1) The members of the council, except for
25 legislative members, shall not receive a salary or per diem
26 allowance for serving as members of the council, but shall be
27 entitled to reimbursement by the council for expenses in the

1 performance of the duties of the office at the same rate
2 allowed state employees pursuant to general law.

3 (2) Each legislative member of the council shall be
4 entitled to his or her regular legislative compensation, per
5 diem, and travel expenses for each day he or she attends a
6 meeting of the council in accordance with Amendment 871 of the
7 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section
8 49.01 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of
9 Alabama of 1901, as amended. These payments shall be paid out
10 of any funds appropriated to the use of the Legislature by
11 means or warrants drawn by the state Comptroller on the State
12 Treasury.

13 (i) The council shall submit to the Governor and
14 Legislature an annual report each year on any recommendations
15 the council may have for administrative or policy action
16 relating to advanced technology and artificial intelligence.
17 The report shall be available electronically and posted on the
18 website of the office of the Governor, the Legislature, and
19 the Department of Commerce.

20 Section 2. This act shall become effective one year
21 following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its
22 otherwise becoming law.