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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, state agencies subject to the Alabama Administrative Procedure Act are required to conduct a review of all agency rules every five years.

This bill would require all state agencies, regardless of whether the agency is subject to the Alabama Administrative Procedure Act, to conduct quarterly, artificial intelligence-assisted reviews of all rules.

This bill would require agencies to acquire or develop artificial intelligence systems capable of performing the analyses required.

This bill would require agency staff to review the recommendations of the artificial intelligence system and determine whether to implement the recommendation.

This bill would also require an agency to publish information annually regarding the artificial intelligence-assisted reviews.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT



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Relating to artificial intelligence; to require state agencies to complete initial and quarterly reviews of rules using artificial intelligence; to create guidelines for the artificial intelligence-assisted review; to require agencies to acquire or create artificial intelligence systems capable of performing the review; to require human approval of any determinations made by artificial intelligence systems; and to require publication of certain information regarding the review process.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the Agentic Artificial Intelligence Regulatory Review Act.

Section 2. For purposes of this act, the following terms have the following meanings:

(1) AGENCY. Any department, board, commission, or other entity under the executive branch authorized to adopt rules.

(2) AGENTIC ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE. Advanced artificial intelligence systems capable of autonomous analysis and recommendation generation regarding regulatory requirements.

(3) GUIDANCE DOCUMENT. Any agency statement that lacks the force of law but provides direction regarding regulatory compliance or interpretation.

(4) PLAIN LANGUAGE. Clear, concise, and well-organized writing appropriate to the subject matter and intended audience.

(5) RULE. Any regulation, standard, or requirement



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adopted by an agency that has the force and effect of law.

Section 3. (a) By April 1, 2027, each agency of this state shall complete an artificial intelligence-assisted, comprehensive review of all rules and guidance documents under the agency's authority.

(b) Following the initial report required in subsection (a), each agency shall conduct an artificial intelligence-assisted review of the agency's rules and guidance documents on a quarterly basis.

(c) Each agency shall acquire or develop agentic artificial intelligence systems that are capable of performing the analyses required by Section 4.

Section 4. For each rule or guidance document reviewed, the agency shall use an artificial intelligence system to analyze:

(1) Whether the requirements of the rule or guidance document are discretionary or mandated by statute, federal law, or another binding authority;

(2) Whether requirements conflict with or duplicate other legal provisions;

(3) How requirements compare to those of neighboring states and federal standards on the same issue or topic;

(4) Whether the text of the rule or guidance document is in plain language;

(5) Whether there is any cost incurred due to compliance with the rule or guidance document, including: (i) training hours required; (ii) fees or direct costs; (iii) administrative costs related to forms and paperwork; (iv) the



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number of persons affected by the requirements; and (v) any other similar cost of compliance;

(6) Whether the language in the rule or guidance document can be simplified without the agency materially changing the rule or guidance document; and

(7) Whether there is an economic impact due to the rule or guidance document. The artificial intelligence system shall carry out a cost-benefit analysis to determine the economic impact and shall determine whether costs may be saved from modifications to the rule or guidance document.

Section 5. (a) All analyses performed by artificial intelligence systems pursuant to Section 4 shall be reviewed and approved by staff of the agency that has the following:

(1) Subject matter expertise on the matter analyzed.

(2) Legal or regulatory analysis experience.

(3) Authority to approve or reject the artificial intelligence recommendations on behalf of the agency.

(b) Agency staff, when reviewing the analyses, shall perform all of the following actions:

(1) Verify the factual accuracy of the analyses.

(2) Assess whether the recommendations made by the artificial intelligence system are appropriate for implementation.

(3) Ensure that the language of the rule, guidance document, or any recommendation aligns with the statutory authority and legislative intent.

(4) Make final determinations regarding any proposed changes by the artificial intelligence system.



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(c) No rule may be amended or repealed based solely on artificial intelligence analysis without human review and approval.

Section 6. (a) During the initial review and quarterly reviews required by Section 3, each agency shall:

(1) Eliminate rules or guidance documents that conflict with any statutory, federal, or otherwise binding law;

(2) Remove duplicative or unnecessary rules or guidance documents;

(3) Correct any text of a rule or guidance document not written in plain language;

(4) Update outdated or unnecessarily burdensome rules or guidance documents; and

(5) Update any incorrect citations or references.

(b) When agency staff, pursuant to Section 5, determines that provisions identified by artificial intelligence as unnecessarily burdensome shall be retained by the agency, the staff shall document the public benefits provided by the rule or guidance document and why less burdensome alternatives are insufficient to accomplish agency directives.

(c) If an agency is subject to the Alabama Administrative Procedure Act, Sections 41-22-1 through 41-22-27, Code of Alabama 1975, the agency shall follow the Alabama Administrative Procedure Act when adopting or amending rules pursuant to this act.

Section 7. (a) Before September 1 each year, each agency shall publish a report containing all of the following:



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141 (1) The number of rules and guidance documents
142 reviewed.

143 (2) The number of rules and guidance documents modified
144 or eliminated.

145 (3) A summary of any recommendations made by the
146 artificial intelligence system which were accepted and
147 rejected.

148 (4) An estimate of the cost savings to persons that are
149 regulated by the agency.

150 (b) Each agency shall publish the report on the
151 agency's website.

152 Section 8. This act shall become effective on October
153 1, 2026.