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3 By Senator Waggoner
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7 A BILL
8 TO BE ENTITLED
9 AN ACT

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

16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

19 (b) The council shall review and advise the Governor
20 and the Legislature on all aspects of the use and development
21 of advanced technology and artificial intelligence in this
22 state.

23 (c) The council shall be composed of the following
24 members:

25 (1) Fourteen members appointed by the Governor.

26 (2) The Secretary of Commerce, or his or her
27 designee.

1 (3) The Secretary of Information Technology, or his
2 or her designee.

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

7 (5) Two members of the Alabama House of
8 Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House.

9 (6) Two members of the Alabama Senate appointed by
10 the Senate President Pro Tempore.

11 (d) All persons appointed to the council other than
12 legislators shall have one or more of the following
13 qualifications: Expertise in matters relating to artificial
14 intelligence, workforce development, technology, ethics,
15 privacy, or computer science.

16 (e) Members of the council appointed by the Governor
17 and Lieutenant Governor shall serve at the pleasure of the
18 Governor and Lieutenant Governor, respectively. Legislative
19 members shall serve a term concurrent with the legislative
20 term in which they were appointed.

21 (f) The first meeting of the council shall be called
22 by the Governor or his or her designee and the commission
23 members shall elect a chair and vice chair. The council shall
24 establish procedures and other policies necessary to carry on
25 the business of the council, including the establishment of a
26 quorum. The council shall meet at least twice a year, but may
27 meet more frequently upon the call of the chair. Members of

1 the council may participate in a meeting of the council by
2 means of conference telephone, video conference, or similar
3 communications equipment by means which allow all persons
4 participating in the meeting to hear each other and otherwise
5 participate in the meeting. Participation by any of these
6 means shall constitute presence in person at a meeting for all
7 purposes, including the establishment of a quorum.

8 (g) The appointing authorities shall coordinate
9 their appointments so that the appointments are reflective of
10 the diversity of gender, race, and geographical areas in this
11 state.

12 (h) (1) The members of the council, except for
13 legislative members, shall not receive a salary or per diem
14 allowance for serving as members of the council, but shall be
15 entitled to reimbursement by the council for expenses in the
16 performance of the duties of the office at the same rate
17 allowed state employees pursuant to general law.

18 (2) Each legislative member of the council shall be
19 entitled to his or her regular legislative compensation, per
20 diem, and travel expenses for each day he or she attends a
21 meeting of the council in accordance with Amendment 871 of the
22 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section
23 49.01 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of
24 Alabama of 1901, as amended. These payments shall be paid out
25 of any funds appropriated to the use of the Legislature by
26 means or warrants drawn by the state Comptroller on the State
27 Treasury.

1 (i) The council shall submit to the Governor and
2 Legislature an annual report each year on any recommendations
3 the council may have for administrative or policy action
4 relating to advanced technology and artificial intelligence.
5 The report shall be available electronically and posted on the
6 website of the office of the Governor, the Legislature, and
7 the Department of Commerce.

8 Section 2. This act shall become effective one year
9 following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its
10 otherwise becoming law.

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