

HB1170 • Virginia

Law-enforcement agencies & sheriff's dept.; policy on use of covered artificial intelligence syst.

Introduced

Risk: Medium

Comprehensive

Effective: Oct 01, 2026 | Last Action (Feb 02, 2026): Tabled in Communications, Technology and Innovation (21-Y 1-N)

Summary

The bill mandates Virginia law enforcement agencies to adopt policies for using covered AI systems by January 2027, following a model policy established by October 2026.

Business Impact

If you operate a law enforcement agency in Virginia, you must adopt AI usage policies by 2027 or face compliance penalties.

Key Provisions

- Establishes a model policy for AI use by law enforcement by October 1, 2026.
- Requires local agencies and the Department of State Police to adopt a compliant policy by January 1, 2027.
- Mandates public availability of AI usage policies on agency websites.

Compliance Checklist

- Adopt a written policy for the use of covered AI systems | Who: Local law enforcement agencies and sheriff's departments
- Ensure model policy is established | Who: Department of Criminal Justice Services

Industries Affected

Law Enforcement

Government

Artificial Intelligence

Topics

AI in Law Enforcement

Bill Sponsors

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Roll Call Votes

Date	Description	Yea	Nay	Result
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