

A1170 • New Jersey

Requires submission of energy usage plan to BPU for proposed artificial intelligence data centers; requires all electricity for artificial intelligence data centers to be derived from new clean energy sources.

Introduced

Risk: Medium

Sector-Specific

Last Action (Jan 13, 2026): Introduced, Referred to Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee

Summary

Bill A1170 mandates AI data centers in NJ submit an energy usage plan to the BPU and use electricity from new clean energy sources. Lack of full bill text limits confirmation of definitions and criteria.

Business Impact

If you operate an AI data center in NJ, you must use specified energy sources and submit a plan to the BPU before connecting to the grid.

Key Provisions

- All electricity for AI data centers must come from new clean energy sources. Lack of full bill text limits confirmation of specific definitions.
- An energy usage plan must be submitted to the BPU. Lack of full bill text limits confirmation of specific criteria.

Compliance Checklist

- Submit an energy usage plan to the BPU | Who: Any person applying for local development approval for an AI data center | Penalty: Cannot connect to the transmission and distribution system without approval
- Implement approved energy usage plan | Who: Entity or individual operating the AI data center | Penalty: Potential fines or operational restrictions if not implemented

Industries Affected

Bill Sponsors

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Related Bills

- A5564 (NJ)
- S680 (NJ)

Official Source

<https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bill-search/2026/A1170>

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