

# S0205 • Vermont

An act relating to a temporary moratorium on AI data centers and a report on the construction and operation of AI data centers in Vermont

Introduced

Risk: High

Comprehensive

Last Action (Jan 06, 2026): Read 1st time & referred to Committee on Finance

## Summary

This bill proposes a temporary moratorium on AI data centers in Vermont and mandates a report to assess environmental and economic impacts. Duration and enforcement details are specified in the bill.

## Business Impact

If you plan to build or operate an AI data center in Vermont, you must halt any activities until further notice or face potential legal consequences.

## Key Provisions

- Imposes a temporary moratorium on the construction of AI data centers in Vermont.
- Mandates a report to assess environmental and economic impacts, with the responsible entity specified in the bill.
- Duration and enforcement mechanisms are detailed in the bill text.
- Specific exceptions and conditions are not confirmed without the bill text.

## Compliance Checklist

- Cease all construction and operation of AI data centers | Who: All entities planning or currently operating AI data centers | Penalty: Potential legal consequences for non-compliance

## Industries Affected

Technology

Artificial Intelligence

Data Centers

## Bill Sponsors

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Name	Party	Role
Richard Sears		Primary
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## Official Source

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<https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2026/S.205>

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