

SB70 • West Virginia

Protecting state and local government systems and data from foreign entities

Introduced

Risk: High

Comprehensive

Last Action (Feb 06, 2026): To Judiciary

Summary

SB70 aims to protect West Virginia's government systems from foreign cyber threats by banning certain software and AI tools from designated adversary nations, with exemptions for law enforcement.

Business Impact

If you operate a state agency in West Virginia, you must stop using foreign-owned software and AI tools to avoid potential security risks.

Key Provisions

- Prohibits use of software and AI tools from foreign adversary nations by state agencies.
- Bans downloading or accessing social media platforms owned by foreign entities on state devices.
- Allows for waivers from the Secretary of State for specific duties.
- Exempts law enforcement officers using these tools for law enforcement purposes.
- Defines 'state agency' and 'foreign country of concern' for clarity.
- Targets all officials, employees, and contractors of state agencies.
- Aims to enhance cybersecurity and protect citizens' data.

Compliance Checklist

- Cease use of foreign-owned software and AI tools | Who: All officials, employees, and contractors of state agencies | Penalty: Potential security vulnerabilities
- Obtain waivers for necessary foreign software use | Who: Officials, employees, and contractors of state agencies | Penalty: Potential security vulnerabilities

Industries Affected

Law Enforcement

Technology

Cybersecurity

Government

Topics

AI in Government

AI in Law Enforcement

Bill Sponsors

Name	Party	Role
Patricia Rucker	R	Sponsor
Tom Willis	R	Sponsor

Official Source

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