

SB694 • West Virginia

Protecting state and local government systems and data from foreign entities

Introduced

Risk: High

Comprehensive

Last Action (Mar 11, 2025): To Judiciary

Summary

This bill aims to protect state agencies from foreign cyber threats by banning certain software and AI tools.

Business Impact

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

Key Provisions

- Prohibits use of software and AI tools from foreign adversary nations by state agencies.
- Bans downloading or accessing foreign-owned social media applications on state devices.
- Allows waivers from the Secretary of State for specific duties.

Compliance Checklist

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

Industries Affected

Cybersecurity

Technology

Law Enforcement

Government

Topics

AI in Government

AI in Law Enforcement

Bill Sponsors

Name	Party	Role
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Official Source

http://www.wvlegislature.gov/Bill_Status/Bills_history.cfm?input=694&year;=2025&sessiontype;=RS&btype;=bill

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