

HB1257 • Virginia

Law-enforcement agencies; use of certain technologies & interrogation practices; forensic lab.

Introduced

Risk: Medium

Comprehensive

Effective: Jan 01, 2030 | Last Action (Feb 02, 2026): Continued to next session in Communications, Technology and Innovation (Voice Vote)

Summary

This bill mandates a framework for law enforcement's use of generative AI, machine learning, audiovisual surveillance technologies, and interrogation practices, including basic training and recertification, with specific training deadlines for officers employed before July 1, 2026. It also prohibits the purchase of unapproved forensic analysis equipment by both local law enforcement and campus police departments, requiring approval from the Department of Forensic Science or the Forensic Science Board.

Business Impact

If you operate a law enforcement agency in Virginia, you must implement a compliance framework for AI technologies by July 1, 2024, or face penalties.

Key Provisions

- Establishes a framework for the use of generative AI, machine learning, and audiovisual surveillance in law enforcement.
- Requires model policies to be published by January 1, 2027.
- Mandates law enforcement agencies to adopt these policies by July 1, 2027.
- Sets compulsory training standards for officers on the use of these technologies, including basic training and recertification, with a deadline for officers employed before July 1, 2026, to complete training by January 1, 2030.
- Prohibits purchase of unapproved forensic analysis equipment by local law enforcement and campus police departments, requiring approval from the Department of Forensic Science or the Forensic Science Board.
- Delayed effective date for certain provisions until January 1, 2030.

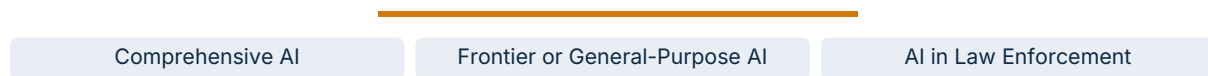
Compliance Checklist

- Adopt model policies for AI and machine learning use | Who: All law enforcement agencies
- Complete required training on AI and machine learning | Who: Law enforcement officers employed before July 1, 2026
- Obtain approval for forensic analysis equipment | Who: Local law enforcement agencies and campus police departments

Industries Affected



Topics



Bill Sponsors

Name	Party	Role
Jackie Glass	D	Sponsor

Related Bills

- HB1261 (VA)
- HB2433 (VA)

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