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Artificial intelligence; framework for person/entity acting as an independent verification org.

Passed Both Chambers

Risk: Low

Study/Task Force

Last Action (Apr 08, 2026): Acts of Assembly Chapter text (CHAP0425)

Summary

HB797, identical to SB 384, directs JCOTS to study a framework for independent verification organizations assessing AI adherence to standards, with a report due to specific committees.

Business Impact

If you operate an AI verification organization, you must prepare for new standards assessments or risk losing credibility.

Key Provisions

- Directs JCOTS to evaluate the feasibility and impact of a framework for independent verification organizations assessing AI adherence to standards.
- Requires a report with recommendations to be submitted by November 1, 2026, to the Chairs of the Senate Committees on Finance and Appropriations and General Laws and Technology and the House Committees on Appropriations and Communications, Technology and Innovation.

Industries Affected

Artificial Intelligence

Technology

Topics

AI in Government

Comprehensive AI

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Roll Call Votes

Date	Description	Yea	Nay	Result
2026-03-10	H VOTE:	84	14	Passed
2026-03-09	Passage R	40	0	Passed
2026-03-05	Constitutional reading dispensed (on 2nd reading)	39	0	Passed
2026-03-04	Reported from Finance and Appropriations	15	0	Passed
2026-02-25	Reported from General Laws and Technology with sub	15	0	Passed
2026-02-16	H VOTE:	79	19	Passed
2026-02-09	Reported from Appropriations with substitute	22	0	Passed
2026-02-06	Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute	7	0	Passed

Related Bills

- SB384 (VA)

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