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Digital innovation & infrastructure; establishing rights in digital property & technology resources.

Introduced

Risk: High

Comprehensive

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

Summary

The bill proposes a framework for digital property rights and technology resources in Virginia, with details requiring verification from the full bill text.

Business Impact

If you operate AI-controlled infrastructure in Virginia, you must implement risk management policies or face potential legal penalties.

Key Provisions

- Verification needed for rights in digital property, including ownership and transfer.
- Defines critical infrastructure facilities and AI systems.
- Outlines risk management policies for critical infrastructure and AI systems.
- Preemption of local regulations requires confirmation from the full bill text.
- Verification needed for safe harbor for AI deployers and compliance conditions.
- Specific details about enforcement and remedies, including penalties for non-compliance, require verification.

Compliance Checklist

- Develop and maintain a risk management policy for AI systems. | Who: Deployers of critical AI systems. | Penalty: Loss of safe harbor protections for non-compliance.
- File an annual attestation certifying compliance with risk management policy. | Who: Deployers subject to risk management requirements. | Penalty: Ineligibility for safe harbor protections.

Industries Affected

Bill Sponsors

Name	Party	Role
R. Lee Ware		Primary
Delores L. McQuinn	Democratic	Primary
Riley E. Ingram		Primary
Geary Higgins		Primary
Fowler		Primary
Wren M. Williams	Republican	Primary

Official Source

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