

SB655 • Maryland

Courts - Artificial Intelligence Evidence Clinic Pilot Program - Establishment

Vetoed

Risk: Medium

Study/Task Force

Last Action (May 16, 2025): Vetoed by the Governor (Policy)

Summary

The bill establishes an AI Evidence Clinic Pilot Program to assist Maryland courts with expert AI testimony and authorizes funding for eligible institutions.

Business Impact

If you operate in Maryland and engage with AI-related evidence in court, you must be prepared to utilize expert testimony by fiscal year 2027 or face potential legal challenges.

Key Provisions

- Establishes an AI Evidence Clinic Pilot Program within the Administrative Office of the Courts.
- Requires the Office to provide expert testimony on certain AI-related evidence to circuit and District Courts.
- Mandates the development of a grant application for funding eligible higher education institutions.
- Authorizes \$250,000 in funding for the program for fiscal years 2027 and 2028.

Compliance Checklist

- Prepare to utilize expert AI testimony in court cases | Who: Legal teams and court officials | Penalty: Potential legal challenges or inadequate evidence evaluation
- Apply for grants to support AI-related research and expertise | Who: Eligible higher education institutions | Penalty: Loss of funding opportunities

Industries Affected

Legal

Technology

Higher Education

Education

Topics

AI in Education

Bill Sponsors

Name	Party	Role
Katie Hester	D	Sponsor

Roll Call Votes

Date	Description	Yea	Nay	Result
2025-04-07	Third Reading Passed	134	5	Passed
2025-04-07	Third Reading Passed	47	0	Passed
2025-03-12	Third Reading Passed	47	0	Passed

Amendments

- Favorable with Amendments 963824/1 Adopted — 2025-03-11 (Adopted)
- Favorable with Amendments 373728/1 Adopted — 2025-04-02 (Adopted)

Related Bills

- HB998 (MD)

Official Source

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