

SB597 • Maryland

Higher Education - Maryland Artificial Intelligence Partnership

In Committee

Risk: Low

Comprehensive

Last Action (Apr 13, 2026): Passed Enrolled

Summary

SB597 establishes the Maryland Artificial Intelligence Partnership within the University System of Maryland, including an AI Incubation Lab contingent upon securing adequate funding.

Business Impact

If you operate in higher education, you must engage with the Maryland Artificial Intelligence Partnership to access AI resources or miss out on funding opportunities.

Key Provisions

- Establishment of the Maryland Artificial Intelligence Partnership within the University System of Maryland
- Creation of the Artificial Intelligence Public Services Fellowship
- Proposal for the Artificial Intelligence Incubation Lab to assist State agencies for specific purposes, contingent upon securing adequate funding

Industries Affected

Employment

Education

Finance

Technology

Topics

AI in Government

AI in Education

Bill Sponsors

Name	Party	Role
Katie Hester	D	Sponsor
Dalya Attar	D	Sponsor
Benjamin Brooks	D	Sponsor
Brian Feldman	D	Sponsor
Kevin Harris	D	Sponsor
Cheryl Kagan	D	Sponsor
Bryan Simonaire	R	Sponsor
Ron Watson	D	Sponsor

Roll Call Votes

Date	Description	Yea	Nay	Result
2026-04-13	Third Reading Passed	129	2	Passed
2026-04-13	Third Reading Passed	46	0	Passed
2026-03-23	Third Reading Passed	44	0	Passed

Amendments

- Favorable with Amendments 643822/1 — 2026-03-20 (Not Adopted)
- Favorable with Amendments 543723/1 Adopted — 2026-04-11 (Adopted)

Related Bills

- SB 597 (MD)

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