

# A5969 • New Jersey

Restricts use of facial recognition technology and other biometric recognition by governmental entities.

Introduced

Risk: High

Comprehensive

Last Action (Nov 18, 2019): Introduced, Referred to Assembly Science, Innovation and Technology Committee

## Summary

This bill restricts governmental use of facial recognition and biometric surveillance technologies to protect civil rights and privacy.

## Business Impact

If you operate a governmental entity in New Jersey, you must comply with strict regulations on biometric surveillance systems or face legal consequences.

## Key Provisions

- Prohibits governmental entities from using biometric surveillance systems without specific conditions.
- Requires standards for data management, including retention and access.
- Mandates auditing practices to ensure accuracy and compliance with civil rights.
- Establishes penalties for non-compliance, including inadmissibility of illegally obtained data.
- Allows individuals to seek damages for violations of the bill.
- Imposes potential disciplinary actions on governmental officials for violations.

## Compliance Checklist

- Identify permitted uses and entities for biometric surveillance systems. | Who: Governmental entities in New Jersey. | Penalty: Potential legal consequences for non-compliance.
- Develop and implement data management standards for biometric information. | Who: Governmental entities in New Jersey. | Penalty: Inadmissibility of illegally obtained biometric information.

## Industries Affected

Public Safety

Law Enforcement

Government

Technology

## Topics

Facial Recognition

## Bill Sponsors

Name	Party	Role
Daniel Benson	D	Sponsor

## Related Bills

- S4216 (NJ)

## Official Source

<https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp?BillNumber=A5969>

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