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Referred to Committee on COMMERCE

Introduced by:
(CE)

**AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO ESTABLISH
AN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section, "artificial
2 intelligence" means a machine-based system that makes predictions,
3 recommendations or decisions influencing real or virtual environments
4 and "artificial intelligence technology" means a computer system,
5 application or other product that uses or incorporates one or more forms
6 of artificial intelligence.

7 (b) The Department of Economic and Community Development shall
8 develop a plan to establish an artificial intelligence small business
9 program for the purpose of (1) incentivizing small businesses to adopt
10 and deploy artificial intelligence for purposes of achieving
11 improvements in productivity and the quality of any products or
12 services offered by such small businesses, and (2) establishing a
13 competitive small business environment for the development and
14 deployment of artificial intelligence technologies.

15 (c) Not later than January 1, 2027, the Department of Economic and
16 Community Development shall report on such plan, including any
17 recommendations for legislative action required to implement such
18 plan, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
19 statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
20 having cognizance of matters relating to commerce.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Department of Economic and Community Development to develop a plan to establish an artificial intelligence small business program.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]