

Senate Bill 455

By: Senators Merritt of the 9th, Jones II of the 22nd, Halpern of the 39th, Howard of the 35th, Mangham of the 55th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 12 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 commissions and other agencies, so as to provide for the establishment of the Georgia  
3 Artificial Intelligence Commission; to provide for responsibilities; to provide for purpose;  
4 to provide for assignment to the Georgia Technology Authority; to provide for annual  
5 reports; to provide for membership, terms, meetings, and compensation; to provide for  
6 definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 12 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commissions  
10 and other agencies, is amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

11 "ARTICLE 9

12 50-12-150.

13 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

14 (1) 'Artificial intelligence system' or 'AI system' means an engineered or machine based  
15 system that emulates the capability of a person to receive audio, visual, text, or any other  
16 form of information and use the information received to emulate a human cognitive  
17 process, including, but not limited to, learning, generalizing, reasoning, planning,  
18 predicting, acting, or communicating; provided, however, that artificial intelligence  
19 systems may vary in the forms of information they can receive and in the human  
20 cognitive processes they can emulate.

21 (2) 'Commission' means the Georgia Artificial Intelligence Commission.

22 (b) There is created the Georgia Artificial Intelligence Commission, responsibilities of  
23 which shall include:

24 (1) Making recommendations to the General Assembly and to the chief information  
25 officer of the State of Georgia on legislative and executive actions regarding AI systems;

26 (2) Developing and recommending state-wide processes, principles, and guidelines for  
27 executive, legislative, and judicial agencies to follow regarding the use of AI systems;

28 (3) Encouraging state agencies to utilize AI systems to improve services when  
29 appropriate;

30 (4) Examining, developing, and recommending actions that ensure AI systems are used  
31 in a safe and secure manner;

32 (5) Conducting an inventory of all AI systems used in state agencies; and

33 (6) Identifying high risk areas for the implementation of artificial intelligence.

34 (c) The commission shall be assigned to the Georgia Technology Authority for  
35 administrative purposes only, as prescribed in Code Section 50-4-3.

36 (d) The commission shall consist of 16 members to be appointed by the Governor by  
37 January 1, 2027, as follows:

38 (1) The chief information office of the State of Georgia, or his or her designee;

39 (2) The Attorney General, or his or her designee;

40 (3) The Commissioner of Labor, or his or her designee;

- 41 (4) The State School Superintendent, or his or her designee;  
42 (5) The Secretary of State, or his or her designee;  
43 (6) The commissioner of public health, or his or her designee;  
44 (7) The commissioner of public safety, or his or her designee;  
45 (8) The Commissioner of Agriculture;  
46 (9) A member of the Senate majority party;  
47 (10) A member of the Senate minority party;  
48 (11) A member of the House of Representatives majority party;  
49 (12) A member of the House of Representatives minority party;  
50 (13) Two members of institutions of higher education that specialize in AI systems; and  
51 (14) Two members representing private companies with expertise in developing AI  
52 systems.
- 53 (e) Each member of the commission shall serve a three-year term and until the  
54 appointment and qualification of such member's successor. Any member with four  
55 consecutive unexcused absences from regular monthly meetings of the commission may  
56 be removed from the commission by the Governor. A majority of the commission shall  
57 constitute a quorum, and the concurrence of a majority shall be required for the  
58 determination of any matter within its duties.
- 59 (f) Commission members shall receive no compensation for their services but shall be  
60 allowed actual and necessary expenses in the performance of their duties. The legislative  
61 members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code  
62 Section 28-1-8. Citizen members shall receive a daily expense allowance in the amount  
63 specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21, as well as the mileage or  
64 transportation allowance authorized for state employees. Members appointed to serve on  
65 the commission who are state officials or state employees shall receive no compensation  
66 for their services on the commission but shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the  
67 performance of their duties as members of the commission in the same manner as

68 reimbursements are made in their capacity as state officials or state employees. The funds  
69 necessary for the reimbursement of the expenses of state officials and state employees shall  
70 come from funds appropriated to or otherwise available to their respective departments.

71 (g) The commission shall elect a chairperson and vice chairperson from among its number  
72 at its first meeting and such individuals shall serve until their successors are elected and  
73 qualified. In the event that the position of chairperson becomes vacant, the vice  
74 chairperson shall fulfill the duties of the chairperson.

75 (h) The chairperson of the commission shall have the following duties:

76 (1) Set a date, time, and place for the regular monthly meetings of the commission; and

77 (2) Supervise the preparation and distribution of meeting notices, agendas, minutes, and  
78 other documents prepared by or on behalf of the commission.

79 (i) The commission may adopt rules necessary for its operation.

80 (j) The commission, no later than December 31, 2027, and annually thereafter shall submit  
81 to the Governor, President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives  
82 an annual report of the commission's activities for the previous year and goals for the  
83 upcoming year. Such report may also include proposals for legislation, administrative  
84 action, or other policy changes the commission considers necessary to further the goals and  
85 purposes of the commission.

86 (k) The commission shall begin operations no later than January 1, 2027."

87 **SECTION 2.**

88 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.