

1 SENATE BILL NO. 384

2 AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

3 (Proposed by the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations

4 on February 4, 2026)

5 (Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Williams Graves)

6 *A BILL to direct the Joint Commission on Technology and Science to evaluate the feasibility and impact of
7 developing a framework for any person or entity seeking to act as an independent verification
8 organization that assesses artificial intelligence models or applications; report.*

9 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

10 **1. § 1. That the Joint Commission on Technology and Science (JCOTS) shall evaluate the feasibility and
11 impact of developing a framework for any person or entity seeking to act as an independent verification
12 organization that assesses artificial intelligence models' or applications' adherence to standards reflecting
13 best practices for the prevention of personal injury and property damage. In evaluating the feasibility and
14 impact of developing such a framework, JCOTS shall consider (i) the nature and magnitude of risks imposed
15 by artificial intelligence models or applications deployed in the Commonwealth; (ii) the availability of
16 identifiable and measurable metrics to determine levels of risk; (iii) existing standards for technical,
17 operational, and other mitigation requirements for persons or entities that deploy artificial intelligence
18 models or applications in the Commonwealth or develop artificial intelligence models or applications that
19 are deployed in the Commonwealth; (iv) current methodologies and sources used to evaluate the efficacy of
20 such mitigation requirements; (v) practices and strategies employed in other states to assess artificial
21 intelligence models' or applications' adherence to industry standards; and (vi) the fiscal impact of
22 developing and implementing a framework for assessment of artificial intelligence models and applications
23 through independent verification organizations. If JCOTS recommends the development of such a
24 framework, JCOTS shall further evaluate (a) the feasibility of a licensing scheme for independent
25 verification organizations and (b) the viability of the Virginia Information Technologies Agency or any
26 other state agency to implement and manage such licensing scheme. JCOTS shall submit a report with its
27 recommendations and any findings to the Chairs of the Senate Committees on Finance and Appropriations
28 and General Laws and Technology and the House Committees on Appropriations and Communications,
29 Technology and Innovation no later than November 1, 2026.**