

A BILL

To establish a taskforce to address the emerging legal and ethical issues related to the potential usage of artificial intelligence (“AI”) in the United States Judicial System.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Research and Oversight of Potential AI in Courts Act of 2025”.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

- (1) **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.** The term “artificial intelligence,” which is also referred to as “AI,” means (1) A branch of computer science devoted to developing data processing systems that performs functions normally associated with human intelligence, such as reasoning, learning, and self-improvement and (2) the capability of a device to perform functions that are normally associated with human intelligence such as reasoning, learning, and self-improvement.
- (2) **UNITED STATES JUDICIAL SYSTEM.** The term “United States Judicial System” means all courts, whether state or federal, in the United States of America and its outlying territories.
- (3) **OFFICIAL COURT RECORD.** The term “official court record” means the official transcript that is provided to the Court following a judicial hearing, proceeding, or deposition.
- (4) **COURT RECORDS.** The term “court records” means any record or document, either electronic or paper, that is created or maintained by an entity of the United States Court System.

SEC. 3. TASK FORCE ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE RESEARCH AND OVERSIGHT IN THE OFFICIAL COURT RECORD AND IN THE UNITED STATES JUDICIAL SYSTEM.

(a) **PURPOSE.** — to provide Congress with relevant analysis of potential issues or benefits related to the usage of artificial intelligence (“AI”) in the United States Judicial System.

(b) **ESTABLISHMENT.**— the Attorney General of the United States shall instruct the Department of Justice and National Institute of Justice to appoint a task force to assess the feasibility, accuracy, privacy, and civil liberties implications of implementing artificial intelligence systems in the United States Judicial System (referred to in this section as the “AI Research and Oversight in Courts Task Force”).

(c) **MEMBERSHIP.**—

(1) **QUALIFICATIONS.**—The Director of the National Institute of Justice shall appoint to the task force individuals who have demonstrated expertise in the following areas:

(A) Official record making process for the judicial system

(B) Court reporting in federal court system

(2) **COMPOSITION.**—The Director shall appoint not more than 15 individuals to the task force in accordance with the following:

(A) FEDERAL GOVERNMENT APPOINTEES.—Up to one third of the appointees shall include -

(i) Employees of the National Institute of Justice and/or Administrative Office of the Courts who specifically handle technology regarding the court systems and official record making process.

(ii) Employees of the Administrative Office of the Courts, court services offices, clerk of court members, judges or attorneys who specialize in technology and the official record making process in the courtroom.

(iii) Appointees of the Administrative Office of the Court's Court Reporting Advisory Group (CRAG).

(B) NON-FEDERAL GOVERNMENT APPOINTEES.—Two thirds of the appointees shall be individuals who are not civilian employees of the Federal Government, or dependents of such members, including—

(i) Individuals who have demonstrated expertise in technology and the official record making process in the courtroom.

(ii) Members of professional associations who specialize in technology and the official record making process in the courtroom.

(C) DEADLINE.—The Director of the National Institute of Justice shall appoint all members no later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

(D) CO-CHAIRS.—There shall be two co-chairs of the task force, one of the whom shall be designated by the Director at the time of appointment from among the individuals appointed under subparagraph (A). The other co-chair shall be selected from among the members appointed under subparagraph (B) by members so appointed.

(d) AREAS OF INQUIRY. — At a minimum, the AI Research and Oversight in Courts Task Force shall report to Congress regarding—

(1) Whether an official court record created or modified using AI will result in a difference in the quality and accuracy of the transcription of legal proceedings.

(2) Whether allowing AI to generate or modify the official court record may alter statements or comments made in a courtroom by individuals with common speech impediments or individuals who have unique speech patterns, accents, or dialects.

(3) Whether allowing AI to perform routine or specialized tasks associated with the United States Judicial System is likely to increase or decrease costs for litigants.

(4) The cybersecurity risks associated with allowing AI to perform routine or specialized tasks associated with the United States Judicial System.

(5) The potential benefits or issues with allowing AI to perform routine or specialized tasks associated with the analyzing, processing or use of an official court record or other court records within the Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) System.

(6) Whether allowing AI to assist in preparing an official court record or other court records to be submitted to the United States Judicial System risks compromising, or otherwise improves, the accuracy or integrity of those records.

(7) What effects may occur by allowing AI to perform routine or specialized tasks associated with the United States Judicial System related to the management, processing, and storage of an official court record or other court records, including AI's potential impact on data integrity, authenticity, and the preservation of the evidentiary value of such records.

(8) Whether implementing an AI system for managerial and administrative tasks attributed to the United States Judicial System will result in an overall increase or decrease in court expenditures.

(9) Whether it is necessary and beneficial for an official court record or other court records created or modified by AI to contain a watermark, header, footer, or banner that confirms it is created or modified by AI. Whether this watermark, header, footer or banner should be visible for the life of the record no matter how it is modified.

(10) Whether it is necessary and beneficial to add metadata to an official court record or other court records created or modified by AI stating what AI tool and version is used to create or modify the record. Whether this metadata must also track and log all changes to such record to ensure there is immutable history of the record and changes or modifications made by AI.

(11) What level of oversight is needed of AI vendors that provide AI services to courts within the United States Judicial System. Whether oversight of AI vendors is necessary to ensure the safety and privacy of all parties and individuals involved in the United States Judicial System.

(e) DUTIES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The AI Research and Oversight in Courts Task Force shall—

(A) Assess policy, regulatory, and legal findings for artificial intelligence (“AI”) applications as it pertains to the United States Judicial System, the official court record or other court records, as of the date of enactment of this Act; and

(B) Evaluate the feasibility of usage of artificial intelligence (“AI”) as a means of creating or modifying the official court record or other court records within the United States Judicial System; and

(C) Make recommendations to Congress for judicial, legislative, and regulatory reforms to ensure that any usage of artificial intelligence (“AI”) in United States Courts’ operations comport with freedom of expression, equal protection, privacy, civil liberties, civil rights, and due process.

SEC. 4. IMPLEMENTATION AND REPORTING.

(a) INTERIM REPORT TO CONGRESS. — Not later than 1 year after the establishment of the AI Research and Oversight in Courts Task Force, the Department of Justice and National Institute of Justice shall prepare and submit an interim report to Congress, and the Attorney General of the United States, containing the AI Research and Oversight in Courts Task Force’s judicial, legislative, and regulatory recommendations.

(b) UPDATES.—The AI Research and Oversight in Courts Task Force shall provide periodic updates to the Attorney General of the United States and to Congress.

(c) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the establishment of the AI Research and Oversight in Courts Task Force, it shall prepare and submit a final report to the Attorney General of the United States and to Congress containing its assessment, recommendations and considerations, to include any recommendations, for judicial and organizational changes.