## Cal Gov Code § 11546.45.5

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## § 11546.45.5. Definitions; Comprehensive inventory of all high-risk automated decision systems

- (a) For purposes of this section:
  - (1) "Automated decision system" means a computational process derived from machine learning, statistical modeling, data analytics, or artificial intelligence that issues simplified output, including a score, classification, or recommendation, that is used to assist or replace human discretionary decisionmaking and materially impacts natural persons. "Automated decision system" does not include a spam email filter, firewall, antivirus software, identity and access management tools, calculator, database, dataset, or other compilation of data.
  - (2) "Board" means any administrative or regulatory board, commission, committee, council, association, or authority consisting of more than one person whose members are appointed by the Governor, the Legislature, or both.
  - (3) "Department" means the Department of Technology.
  - (4) "High-risk automated decision system" means an automated decision system that is used to assist or replace human discretionary decisions that have a legal or similarly significant effect, including decisions that materially impact access to, or approval for, housing or accommodations, education, employment, credit, health care, and criminal justice.

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- (A) "State agency" means any of the following:
  - (i) Any state office, department, division, or bureau.
  - (ii) The California State University.
  - (iii) The Board of Parole Hearings.
  - (iv) Any board or other professional licensing and regulatory body under the administration or oversight of the Department of Consumer Affairs.
- **(B)** "State agency" does not include the University of California, the Legislature, the judicial branch, or any board, except as provided in subparagraph (A).
- (b) On or before September 1, 2024, the Department of Technology shall conduct, in coordination with other interagency bodies as it deems appropriate, a comprehensive inventory of all high-risk automated decision systems that have been proposed for use, development, or procurement by, or are being used, developed, or procured by, any state agency.

**(c)** The comprehensive inventory described by subdivision (b) shall include a description of all of the following:

**(1)** 

- (A) Any decision the automated decision system can make or support and the intended benefits of that use.
- **(B)** The alternatives to any use described in subparagraph (A).
- (2) The results of any research assessing the efficacy and relative benefits of the uses and alternatives of the automated decision system described by paragraph (1).
- (3) The categories of data and personal information the automated decision system uses to make its decisions.

**(4)** 

- (A) The measures in place, if any, to mitigate the risks, including cybersecurity risk and the risk of inaccurate, unfairly discriminatory, or biased decisions, of the automated decision system.
- **(B)** Measures described by this paragraph may include, but are not limited to, any of the following:
  - (i) Performance metrics to gauge the accuracy of the system.
  - (ii) Cybersecurity controls.
  - (iii) Privacy controls.
  - (iv) Risk assessments or audits for potential risks.
  - (v) Measures or processes in place to contest an automated decision.

(d)

- (1) On or before January 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, the department shall submit a report of the comprehensive inventory described in subdivision (b) to the Assembly Committee on Privacy and Consumer Protection and the Senate Committee on Governmental Organization.
- (2) The requirement for submitting a report imposed under paragraph (1) is inoperative on January 1, 2029, pursuant to Section 10231.5.
- (3) A report to be submitted pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be submitted in compliance with Section 9795.

## History

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