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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2019–20 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 976

**Introduced by Assembly Members Chau, Kiley, and Obernolte
Obernolte, and Salas
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Calderon)**

February 21, 2019

An act to add *and repeal* Chapter 8.3 (commencing with Section 11820.10) ~~to~~ of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, relating to state government.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 976, as amended, Chau. Artificial Intelligence in State Government Services Commission.

Existing law establishes, within the Government Operations Agency, the Department of Technology under the supervision of the Director of Technology, who also serves as the State Chief Information Officer. The department is generally responsible for the approval and oversight of information technology projects by, among other things, consulting with state agencies during initial project planning to ensure that project proposals are based on well-defined programmatic needs.

This bill would establish in state government the Artificial Intelligence in State Government Services Commission comprised of 8 members, as specified, and would require the advisory commission to *annually* convene a public process to gather input on how artificial intelligence and data science could be used to improve state services. This bill would require the commission to propose a plan for soliciting artificial intelligence and data science related demonstration projects for critical state services and incorporating successful artificial intelligence and

data science related demonstration projects into existing state government services. *The bill would require the commission to establish guiding principles for the proposed plan on or before November 1, 2020. The bill would require the commission to submit its recommendations based on input gathered from the public process to the Legislature and the Governor by November 1, 2020, 2021, and by November 1 of every year thereafter. The bill would make related findings and declarations. The bill would repeal its provisions on January 1, 2025.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares the following:
- 2 (a) As the fifth largest economy in the world, California has the
- 3 opportunity to marshal its public and private resources to
- 4 immediately begin addressing the implications of artificial
- 5 intelligence. California also has the opportunity to begin taking
- 6 advantage of artificial intelligence to enhance services to
- 7 Californians and become the world leader in adopting thoughtful
- 8 policies to ensure artificial intelligence positively impacts the
- 9 state's economy and all of its constituents.
- 10 (b) Artificial intelligence technology and applications may soon
- 11 become immersed in every major area of our work and personal
- 12 lives: transportation, communications, finance, health care services,
- 13 emergency response services, education, community planning,
- 14 criminal justice, and entertainment.
- 15 (c) Rapid progress in the field of artificial intelligence will likely
- 16 penetrate and redefine the nature of work and the workplace and
- 17 bring about profound changes for the way private industry and
- 18 government operates.
- 19 (d) Artificial intelligence can offer significant quality of life
- 20 improvements, but the risks and benefits of this technology may
- 21 not be evenly distributed across society.
- 22 (e) Countries around the globe and even states and cities in the
- 23 United States are taking early steps to understand and use artificial
- 24 intelligence technology and applications. California has not kept
- 25 pace with these efforts to address the implications of artificial

1 intelligence and can learn from and expand upon their recent
2 advances.

3 (f) California lacks the infrastructure within state government
4 to plan how best to take advantage of new technologies to drive
5 economic, social, and environmental good and improve the delivery
6 of government services, while minimizing risks associated with
7 artificial intelligence.

8 (g) Therefore, it is the intent of the Legislature to ensure that
9 California begins preparing to harness the power of artificial
10 intelligence in ways that will improve the economy, public health
11 and safety, jobs, and the environment.

12 SEC. 2. Chapter 8.3 (commencing with Section 11820.10) is
13 added to Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code,
14 to read:

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16 CHAPTER 8.3. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN STATE
17 GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMISSION
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19 11820.10. This chapter shall be known, and may be cited, as
20 the Artificial Intelligence in State Government Services
21 Commission Act.

22 11820.15. (a) There is established in state government the
23 Artificial Intelligence in State Government Services Commission.
24 The commission shall be comprised of eight members appointed
25 in accordance with subdivision (c) and shall conduct its business
26 in accordance with this chapter.

27 (b) Members of the commission shall be individuals with
28 knowledge of, and expertise in, the field of artificial intelligence
29 from private industry, governments, nonprofit organizations,
30 unions, and academia.

31 (c) Commission membership shall consist of the following
32 members:

33 (1) Four members appointed by the Governor, including at least
34 one representative from organized labor and one from the private
35 sector.

36 (2) One member appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules.

37 (3) One member appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.

38 (4) The Director of Technology and the Director of Finance
39 shall serve as ex officio members of the commission.

1 (d) The commission shall be chaired by an appointee of the
2 Governor.

3 (e) Each commission member shall serve without compensation.
4 Actual and necessary travel expenses for each commission member
5 while on official business of the commission shall be reimbursed.

6 11820.20. The commission shall do all of the following:

7 (a) Convene a public process *annually* to gather input on how
8 artificial intelligence and data science could be used to improve
9 state services.

10 (b) Propose a plan for all of the following:

11 (1) Soliciting artificial intelligence and data science related
12 demonstration projects for critical state services.

13 (2) Incorporating successful artificial intelligence and data
14 science related demonstration projects into existing state
15 government services.

16 (c) *Establish guiding principles for the proposed plan in*
17 *subdivision (b) on or before November 1, 2020.*

18 ~~(e)~~

19 (d) Submit its recommendations *based on input gathered from*
20 *the public process convened pursuant to subdivision (a) in*
21 *accordance with Section 9795 of the Government Code to the*
22 *Legislature and the Governor by November 1, ~~2020~~, 2021, and by*
23 *November 1 of every year thereafter.*

24 11820.25. The commission shall be advisory only, and there
25 shall be no authority or duty on the part of the state, or the parties
26 meeting and conferring to implement the findings of the
27 commission without further legislation that specifically authorizes
28 or requires that the evaluations, determinations, and findings of
29 the commission be implemented.

30 11820.30. *This chapter shall remain in effect only until January*
31 *1, 2025, and as of that date is repealed.*