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Sen. McDowell on behalf of all Senators

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
150th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF PLANNING FOR THE POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF ROBOTICS, AUTOMATION AND OTHER MANIFESTATIONS OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE THAT ARE POISED TO INFLUENCE THE LANDSCAPE OF THE WORKPLACE.

1 WHEREAS, the rapid rise of technologies related to automation, robotics and artificial intelligence has the
2 potential to change the nature of work; and

3 WHEREAS, now that humankind stands on the threshold of a period when ever more sophisticated robots,
4 automation and other manifestations of artificial intelligence are likely poised to unleash a new industrial revolution, which
5 will leave no aspect of society untouched, it is vitally important for the legislature to consider its legal and ethical
6 implications and effects, without stifling innovation; and

7 WHEREAS, the trend towards automation requires that those involved in the development and commercialization
8 of artificial intelligence applications build in security and ethics at the outset; and

9 WHEREAS, the developments in automation, robotics and artificial intelligence can and should be designed in
10 such a way that they preserve the dignity, autonomy and self-determination of the individual; and

11 WHEREAS, many Delawareans currently work in jobs and fields of employment that may be displaced by
12 technology; and

13 WHEREAS, the likely effect of technological displacement will influence all levels of the public and private
14 sectors.

15 NOW, THEREFORE:

16 BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of the 150th General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the Senate concurring
17 therein, that the members of the Delaware General Assembly hereby recognize the importance of all State Agencies and
18 branches of Government to plan for the possible effects that automation, robotics and artificial intelligence will have on
19 Delawareans and that all Delaware Government should implement daily operational planning and long term strategic
20 preparations so as to limit the adverse impacts of such technology on Delawareans.

SYNOPSIS

This Concurrent Resolution recognizes the possible life-changing impact the rise of robotics, automation and artificial intelligence will have on Delawareans and encourages all branches of state government to implement plans to minimize the adverse effects of the rise of such technology.