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SB 524 – Law Enforcement Agencies: Artificial Intelligence

SUMMARY

SB 524 requires law enforcement agencies that prepare an official report using artificial intelligence (AI) to disclose whether the report was written either fully or in part using AI. This bill would also require the first draft of the report to be retained for as long as the final report is retained. Furthermore, this bill requires identifying the person that used AI to create the report, any person that made changes to the report, and relevant video or audio footage used to create the report.

BACKGROUND

When AI is utilized properly, it may be useful in some settings, such as for research and analytics. In more recent cases, law enforcement agencies are actively using AI, which can help with improving dispatch response times and investigating crimes. However, despite rapid advancements and applications of AI, it is not always accurate, and there are many instances where work product from AI is incomplete or requires additional review and editing from a human.

PROBLEM

Law enforcement agencies are increasingly utilizing AI to write official reports. Law enforcement equipment used is able to take the audio from body cameras to write a report, such as a police report, by using AI. Reports from law enforcement agencies range from administrative to criminal incidents, detailing crimes and arrests. Incomplete or inaccurate reports that are used in arrests, prosecution, and court proceedings can increase the chances of a mistrial and weaken trust within the criminal justice system and law enforcement agencies.

SOLUTION

SB 524 would require law enforcement agencies to disclose whether a report was written either fully or in part using AI and to retain the first draft created before the final report, in addition to identifying the person that created the report and

the relevant video or audio footage relied upon to create the report. This would ensure that there is transparency and accuracy in the writing of official reports that have significant implications for someone's livelihoods and in law enforcement investigations and activities.

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