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## **HB 4080**

Introduced by  
Representatives Wilmeth: Willoughby

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING THE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE NURSING INNOVATION PILOT PROGRAM.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Department of health services; artificial  
3 intelligence nursing innovation pilot program;  
4 advisory committee; reports; delayed repeal;  
5 definitions

6 A. The artificial intelligence nursing innovation pilot program is  
7 established within the department of health services to develop and test  
8 innovative artificial intelligence that performs nursing-adjacent tasks or  
9 workflows in a clinical setting. The pilot program's goals are to test  
10 solutions that can uphold current standards in patient safety and privacy,  
11 support improvements in patient health outcomes and assist the nursing  
12 workforce. The department of health services shall:

13 1. Administer the pilot program established by this section.

14 2. On or before October 1, 2026, establish an advisory committee  
15 that is composed of not more than seven members, including representatives  
16 from the department of health services and the Arizona state board of  
17 nursing, at least one representative from an accredited Arizona school of  
18 nursing and one nursing professional who is licensed pursuant to title 32,  
19 chapter 15, Arizona Revised Statutes, and who has recent bedside nursing  
20 experience or clinical experience of at least five years.

21 3. Provide staff and meeting space for the advisory committee.

22 4. Notwithstanding title 41, chapter 23, Arizona Revised Statutes,  
23 on or before January 1, 2027, select not more than five technology vendors  
24 that provide artificial intelligence services and that are recommended by  
25 the advisory committee for participation in the pilot program.

26 B. The advisory committee shall:

27 1. At its first meeting, select one member to serve as chairperson.

28 2. Develop and recommend to the department of health services an  
29 application for technology vendors to apply to participate in the pilot  
30 program that requires at least the information prescribed in subsection C  
31 of this section.

32 3. Develop and recommend to the department of health services  
33 policies, procedures and guidelines for reviewing and approving technology  
34 vendor applications that fulfill the purpose of the pilot program and that  
35 ensure patient safety and compliance with applicable state and federal  
36 laws.

37 4. On or before December 1, 2026, review all technology vendor  
38 applications submitted under this section and recommend up to five  
39 qualified applicants to the department of health services.

40 5. Monitor each pilot program participant to ensure that patient  
41 safety and privacy are protected and that the pilot program operates in  
42 compliance with this section.

- 1 C. The application to participate in the pilot program shall  
2 require a technology vendor to submit at least the following information:
- 3 1. A description of the proposed artificial intelligence agent's  
4 model and the expected outcomes. The artificial intelligence agent must  
5 be designed to perform nursing-adjacent tasks or workflows.
- 6 2. The technology vendor's agreement with an accredited Arizona  
7 school of nursing that defines the school's role in education, evaluation  
8 and oversight during the pilot program.
- 9 3. Specific goals and all methods the technology vendor will use to  
10 evaluate progress and outcomes, including patient safety and privacy  
11 metrics and health care workforce compatibility outcomes.
- 12 4. A timeline for implementing the artificial intelligence agent  
13 within a health care setting.
- 14 5. A detailed explanation of the artificial intelligence agent's  
15 safety mechanisms, including:
- 16 (a) Human involvement, including a description of the role of a  
17 licensed or appropriately credentialed health care professional's ability  
18 to intervene in, modify or override the outputs or actions of the  
19 artificial intelligence agent as necessary to protect patient safety and  
20 privacy.
- 21 (b) Escalation, including a description of the processes by which  
22 the artificial intelligence agent identifies circumstances that require  
23 review, confirmation or intervention by a human health care professional.
- 24 (c) Audibility and documentation, including a description of the  
25 methods used to record, log and retain information related to the  
26 operation of the artificial intelligence agent.
- 27 (d) Controls and guardrails to ensure patient safety, including a  
28 description of the technical, operational and procedural safeguards  
29 implemented to limit the scope of the artificial intelligence agent's  
30 operation of authorized nursing-adjacent tasks or workflows, to prevent  
31 unauthorized or unsafe use and to ensure compliance with applicable  
32 patient safety and privacy requirements.
- 33 6. A plan for each of the following:
- 34 (a) Sustaining the model after the termination of the pilot  
35 program.
- 36 (b) Obtaining licensure of the artificial intelligence agent.
- 37 (c) Terminating the model on the termination of the pilot program  
38 or as directed by the department of health services.
- 39 D. The following reports shall be submitted by the following  
40 entities:
- 41 1. On or before December 1, 2027 and December 1, 2028, the advisory  
42 committee shall prepare and submit a report to the department of health  
43 services that includes at least the following:

1 (a) A description of the pilot program and the progress from  
2 implementation to the current date.

3 (b) Program outcomes since the implementation of the pilot program.

4 2. On or before July 1, 2029, the advisory committee shall submit a  
5 final report to the department of health services that includes policy  
6 implications of the pilot program, findings and legislative  
7 recommendations, including a recommendation on the regulatory framework  
8 for ongoing registration or licensing of artificial intelligence in health  
9 care.

10 3. On or before January 1, 2028, January 1, 2029 and August 1,  
11 2029, the department of health services shall review the advisory  
12 committee reports submitted pursuant to this subsection, approve each  
13 report, in whole or in part, and submit each approved report to the  
14 governor, the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of  
15 the senate and a copy of the report to the secretary of state.

16 E. This section is repealed from and after December 31, 2029.

17 F. For the purpose of this section:

18 1. "Artificial intelligence agent" means a machine-based system  
19 that, for a given set of human-defined objectives, makes predictions and  
20 recommendations, generates outputs or takes actions using data, including  
21 personal health information, that is designed to operate as a functional  
22 participant within nursing practice or health care delivery and that may  
23 operate autonomously or semi-autonomously within the pilot program.

24 2. "Nursing-adjacent tasks or workflows":

25 (a) Includes functions that support or supplement the work of  
26 licensed nurses.

27 (b) Does not include functions that independently assess or treat  
28 patients.