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Using Automated Tools to Update State AI Policies

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Executive Summary

This project recommends that state governments adopt a semiautomated artificial intelligence (AI) policy review system – the Comparative Oversight and Monitoring of Policy Across States and Sector (COMPASS) – to ensure AI policies are consistent with current legislation and keep up with technological advancements. With the rapid pace of AI innovation and limited state capacities, many state governments are struggling to quickly identify outdated policies and develop new regulations. By automating the AI policy monitoring and review process using tools such as the COMPASS system, which was piloted in a partnership project with the Georgia Technology Authority, governments could more efficiently analyze and update their AI policies without burdening government officials, and ultimately better serve their constituents.

Problem

State governments are struggling to keep their AI policies and guidelines consistent with changing regulatory landscapes and up to date with rapid technological advancements. For example, the State of Georgia developed its policy on responsible AI use within state agencies in 2023, but with recent AI developments and new state regulations coming into effect in 2027, the original AI policy is now out of date. Due to capacity, time, and resource constraints, many governments are facing similar challenges identifying where AI policies are outdated, auditing current regulations for inconsistencies, and maintaining a legal system that keeps up with AI. While state governments are starting to use AI tools to review AI policies, these systems should be further developed to ensure that AI generated findings are accurate and verified by human reviewers before adoption.

Solution

This project proposes that state governments should implement the COMPASS system to ensure their AI policies stay relevant and effective. The COMPASS system includes an AI-assisted tool that compares a government's current AI policies to leading technology regulations, proposes specific policy updates, and generates sample updated language. This tool would automate the review and analysis processes, but government officials would retain decisionmaking responsibilities. This project also proposes that states develop a schedule for regular policy reviews and define certain circumstances, like new laws or technological advancements, that would trigger additional reviews. Together, these steps would help governments efficiently monitor legislation and technological changes and ensure their AI policies keep up with AI innovation.

> *"The COMPASS system combines human input with automated assistance."*
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