SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anna Caballero, Chair 2025 - 2026 Regular Session

AB 979 (Irwin) - California Cybersecurity Integration Center: artificial intelligence

Version: April 23, 2025 **Policy Vote:** G.O. 15 - 0, JUD. 13 - 0

Urgency: No Mandate: No

Hearing Date: August 29, 2025 **Consultant:** Janelle Miyashiro

Bill Summary: AB 979 requires, by July 1, 2026, the California Cybersecurity Integration Center (Cal-CSIC) to develop a California Artificial Intelligence (AI) Cybersecurity Collaboration Playbook to facilitate information sharing across the AI community and to strengthen collective cyber defenses against emerging threats.

****** ANALYSIS ADDENDUM - SUSPENSE FILE *******

The following information is revised to reflect amendments adopted by the committee on August 29, 2025

Fiscal Impact:

- The Office of Emergency Services (OES), which houses Cal-CSIC, reports total cost pressures of approximately \$713,000 in the first year and \$463,000 ongoing until completion of the playbook (General Fund). Costs include two limited term staff with the technical AI expertise to develop the playbook.
- The Government Operations (GovOps) Agency anticipates costs to consult with OES to be minor and absorbable.

Author Amendments: Extend the due date of the playbook from July 1, 2026 to January 1, 2027.