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Pennsylvania Advisory Committee to the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights Announces Study: *Civil Rights and the Rising Use of Artificial Intelligence in Education*

** EVENT REGISTRATAION: <u>https://shorturl.at/IBE17</u> **

The Pennsylvania Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights is conducting a study to examine the civil rights impact of the rising use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Education. In this ongoing study, the Committee will consider how AI algorithms are developed, and the impact they can have on either reducing or exacerbating existing disparities (or creating new disparities) in the classroom based on federally protected classes. The Committee will also examine potential solutions and recommendations to remediate identified concerns.

The Committee will hear testimony through a series of public briefings, as follows:

Panel I: Monday March 25, 2024, from 11:00am-1:00pm ET

Panel II: Wednesday March 27, 2024, from 11:00am-1:00pm ET

Panel III: Friday March 29, 2024, from 11:00am-1:00pm ET

Panel IV: Thursday April 25, 2024, from 11:00am-1:00pm ET

Registration is available at: <u>https://shorturl.at/IBE17</u>.

All meetings are free and open to the public. Members of the public will be invited to speak during an open-comment period near the end of each meeting. The Committee also invites written testimony from others who wish to contribute. All written testimony must be submitted to the Committee by **Wednesday May 1, 2024**, via email at <u>mwojnaroski@usccr.gov</u>.

Closed captions will be provided. Individuals requiring other accommodations should contact the regional program unit at (202) 618-4158 five business days prior to the meeting to make their request. Committee Steve Irwin said, "*Pennsylvania is at the center as our country begins to harness the power of AI. Our Committee has chosen to focus on identifying the risks and rewards for students from Kindergarten through High School. At the same time, its benefits must be felt equitably and its dangers must not be at the expense of the most vulnerable.*"

The Committee will issue its findings and recommendations in a report to the Commission after all testimony has been received, anticipated Fall 2024.

The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, established by the Civil Rights Act of 1957, is the only independent, bipartisan agency charged with advising the President and Congress on civil rights and reporting annually on federal civil rights enforcement. Our 51 state Advisory Committees offer a broad perspective on civil rights concerns at state and local levels. The Commission: in our 7th decade, a continuing legacy of influence in civil rights. For information about the Commission, please visit <u>http://www.usccr.gov</u> and follow us on <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Facebook</u>.