

SB1119 • California

Companion chatbots: children's safety.

In Committee

Risk: High

Comprehensive

Effective: Jul 01, 2027 | Last Action (May 20, 2026): In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

Summary

SB1119 aims to enhance safety for companion chatbots used by children, though specific measures are not confirmed due to limited bill text.

Business Impact

If you operate a companion chatbot in California, you must conduct annual risk assessments and comply with safety protocols by July 1, 2027, or face penalties.

Key Provisions

- Child safety policies must be published and updated on the operator's website.
- Parental controls must be accessible and easy to use.

Compliance Checklist

- Conduct annual risk assessments for child safety | Who: Operators of companion chatbots | Penalty: Civil penalties up to \$5,000 per affected child for negligent violations
- Submit independent audit reports to the Attorney General | Who: Operators of companion chatbots | Penalty: Confidentiality breaches may lead to enforcement actions

Industries Affected

Technology

General

Child Safety

Topics

Bill Sponsors

Name	Party	Role
Steve Padilla	D	Sponsor
Rebecca Bauer-Kahan	D	Sponsor
Buffy Wicks	D	Sponsor

Roll Call Votes

Date	Description	Yea	Nay	Result
2026-05-19	Senate 3rd Reading SB1119 Padilla et al	39	0	Passed
2026-05-14	Do pass	6	0	Passed
2026-05-11	Placed on suspense file	7	0	Passed
2026-04-21	Do pass as amended, but first amend, and re-refer	13	0	Passed
2026-04-20	Do pass, but first be re-referred to the Committee	7	0	Passed

Related Bills

- SB 1119 (CA)
- AB2023 (CA)

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