

AB2023 • California

Companion chatbots: children's safety.

Introduced

Risk: High

Comprehensive

Last Action (May 18, 2026): Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

Summary

CA AB2023: Companion chatbots: children's safety. The bill adds Chapter 22.6.1 to Division 8 of the Business and Professions Code. Disclaimer: Analysis limited due to lack of full bill text.

Business Impact

If you operate companion chatbots for children, you must implement safety measures by January 1, 2025, or face penalties.

Key Provisions

- The bill adds Chapter 22.6.1 to Division 8 of the Business and Professions Code, commencing with Section 22610. Disclaimer: Analysis limited due to lack of full bill text.
- The definition of 'companion chatbots' cannot be confirmed without the full bill text.
- Specific mandates for parental controls and data privacy protections cannot be confirmed without the full bill text.
- Enforcement mechanisms and penalties for non-compliance cannot be confirmed without the full bill text.

Industries Affected

General

Topics

User-Facing AI

Bill Sponsors

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

Roll Call Votes

Date	Description	Yea	Nay	Result
2026-05-14	Do pass	12	3	Passed
2026-04-21	Do pass as amended and be re-referred to the Commi	13	2	Passed

Related Bills

- SB1119 (CA)
- AB 2023 (CA)

Official Source

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