

SB1493 • Tennessee

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29; Title 33; Title 39 and Title 47, relative to artificial intelligence.

Passed Both Chambers

Risk: High

Comprehensive

Last Action (May 22, 2026): Signed by Governor.

Summary

The bill amends Tennessee Code Annotated, Titles 29, 33, 39, and 47, establishing a Class A felony for knowingly training AI to encourage suicide or criminal homicide.

Business Impact

If you develop AI systems in Tennessee, you must ensure they do not promote harmful behaviors or face felony charges.

Key Provisions

- Amends Tennessee Code Annotated, Titles 29, 33, 39, and 47.
- Establishes a Class A felony for knowingly training AI to promote suicide or criminal homicide.
- Criminalizes AI that simulates human characteristics or emotional connections in the context of encouraging harmful acts.
- Targets AI systems simulating human beings in appearance, voice, or mannerisms, or developing emotional relationships in this harmful context.

Compliance Checklist

- Review AI training protocols to ensure compliance with the new felony provisions. | Who: AI developers and organizations using AI systems. | Penalty: Felony charges for non-compliance.

Industries Affected

Technology Development

Artificial Intelligence

Law Enforcement

Topics

Comprehensive AI

Bill Sponsors

Name	Party	Role
Becky Massey	R	Sponsor
Ken Yager	R	Sponsor

Roll Call Votes

Date	Description	Yea	Nay	Result
2026-04-23	FLOOR VOTE: REGULAR CALENDAR MOTION TO ADOPT AMEND	89	0	Passed
2026-04-23	FLOOR VOTE: REGULAR CALENDAR AS AMENDED PASSAGE ON	88	0	Passed
2026-04-23	FLOOR VOTE: REGULAR CALENDAR MOTION TO CONSIDER AM	81	7	Passed
2026-04-23	FLOOR VOTE: Motion to Concur House Amendment # 4	26	4	Passed
2026-04-23	FLOOR VOTE: Motion to Adopt Amend# 3 by Senator Lo	25	0	Passed
2026-04-23	FLOOR VOTE: as Amended Third Consideration	27	0	Passed
2026-03-24	SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE: Recommended for passag	7	0	Passed

Amendments

- SA0915 — 2026-03-30 (Not Adopted)
- SA1070 — 2026-04-20 (Not Adopted)
- SA1113 — 2026-04-23 (Not Adopted)

Related Bills

- HB1455 (TN)
- SB 1493 (TN)
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