

SB579 • California

Mental health and artificial intelligence working group.

Dead

Risk: Low

Study/Task Force

Effective: Jan 01, 2024 | Last Action (Feb 02, 2026): Returned to Secretary of Senate pursuant to Joint Rule 56.

Summary

CA SB579: Establishes a working group on AI and mental health, adding Section 12817 to the Government Code. Appointment process and repeal conditions to be confirmed.

Business Impact

If you operate in mental health services in California, you must engage with the new AI working group by its formation date or risk missing critical insights.

Key Provisions

- Add Section 12817 to the Government Code
- Establish a working group on AI and mental health
- The group will consist of members with expertise in AI and mental health
- The group is tasked with assessing AI's role in mental health services. Appointment process and repeal conditions to be confirmed

Compliance Checklist

- Engage with the working group on mental health and AI. | Who: Mental health service providers and AI developers. | Penalty: Potential loss of access to critical guidelines and best practices.

Industries Affected

Healthcare

Mental Health

Government

Mental Health
Services

Artificial
Intelligence

Technology

Topics

AI Healthcare

AI in Government

Comprehensive AI

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Roll Call Votes

Date	Description	Yea	Nay	Result
2025-04-21	Placed on suspense file	6	0	Passed
2025-03-25	Do pass as amended, but first amend, and re-refer	12	0	Passed

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