

HB5205 • West Virginia

Requiring the State Board of Education to create model policies on the use of technology and artificial intelligence in a public school classroom

Introduced

Risk: Medium

Comprehensive

Last Action (Feb 05, 2026): To House Education

Summary

HB5205, the West Virginia Balance Act, requires the State Board of Education to create model policies on AI use, sets forth definitions, and establishes a county board policy.

Business Impact

If you operate in West Virginia's public education sector, you must implement county-specific AI policies by the 2024 school year or face compliance penalties.

Key Provisions

- Requires the State Board of Education to create model policies on AI use in education.
- Sets forth definitions related to artificial intelligence.
- Establishes a county board of education policy for AI use.
- Provides resources for students with technology-related learning difficulties.
- Introduces an AI sandbox course.
- Provides for artificial intelligence standards.

Compliance Checklist

- Adopt a balanced technology use policy | Who: County boards of education | Penalty: Default policy imposed by the state board
- Provide training to educators on the new policy | Who: County boards of education | Penalty: Potential withholding of state funds

Industries Affected

Technology

Education

Topics

AI in Education

Bill Sponsors

Name	Party	Role
Hanshaw		Primary
Hornbuckle		Cosponsor
Stephens		Primary
Campbell		Cosponsor
Pritt		Cosponsor
Bell		Cosponsor

Official Source

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