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Generative artificial intelligence: attorneys and arbitrators.

In Committee

Risk: Medium

Amendment

Last Action (Jan 29, 2026): In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

Summary

SB574 addresses the use of generative AI by legal professionals, detailing obligations, penalties, procedural rules, and enforcement mechanisms.

Business Impact

If you use AI in legal practice, you must comply with new regulations once SB574 is enacted.

Key Provisions

- Add Section 6068.1 to the Business and Professions Code detailing obligations for ethical AI use, including confidentiality and accuracy
- Propose amendments to Section 128.7 of the Code of Civil Procedure including AI content disclosure requirements
- Introduce Section 1282.1 to the Code of Civil Procedure specifying AI procedural rules in arbitration, such as disclosure of AI involvement
- Include penalties such as fines and suspension, and enforcement mechanisms involving State Bar oversight for ethical AI use

Compliance Checklist

- Ensure no confidential information is entered into public AI systems. | Who: Attorneys | Penalty: Potential sanctions by the court
- Verify and correct AI-generated content before use in legal documents. | Who: Attorneys | Penalty: Potential sanctions by the court
- Do not delegate decision-making to generative AI tools. | Who: Arbitrators | Penalty: Potential sanctions by the court
- Disclose reliance on AI-generated information to parties. | Who: Arbitrators | Penalty: Potential sanctions by the court

Industries Affected

Technology

Arbitration

Legal Services

General

Topics

Comprehensive AI

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Roll Call Votes

Date	Description	Yea	Nay	Result
2026-01-29	Special Consent	39	0	Passed
2026-01-22	Do pass	7	0	Passed
2026-01-20	Placed on suspense file	7	0	Passed
2026-01-13	Do pass, but first be re-referred to the Committee	13	0	Passed

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