

# SB1815 • Tennessee

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, relative to criminal offenses.

Passed Both Chambers

Risk: High

Comprehensive

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

## Summary

This bill creates the offense of coercive suicide, focusing on AI systems that encourage individuals to commit suicide, based on the official description.

## Business Impact

If you own an AI system that interacts with users, you must ensure it does not encourage self-harm or face criminal charges.

## Key Provisions

- Creates a new offense of coercive suicide.
- Defines coercive suicide as advising or encouraging suicide via an AI system.
- Potentially holds AI system owners liable for the actions of their systems, with details on defenses or exceptions pending full bill text.

## Compliance Checklist

- Ensure AI systems do not encourage self-harm or suicide. | Who: AI system owners and operators. | Penalty: Criminal charges for non-compliance.

## Industries Affected

Technology

Mental Health

Law Enforcement

## Bill Sponsors

Name	Party	Role
Paul Bailey	R	Sponsor
Raumesh Akbari	D	Sponsor
Janince Bowling	R	Sponsor
Adam Lowe	R	Sponsor
Becky Massey	R	Sponsor
Shane Reeves	R	Sponsor
Paul Rose	R	Sponsor
Dawn White	R	Sponsor

## Roll Call Votes

Date	Description	Yea	Nay	Result
2026-04-22	FLOOR VOTE: Motion to Concur House Amendment # 2	31	0	Passed
2026-04-21	FLOOR VOTE: REGULAR CALENDAR MOTION TO ADOPT AMEND	94	0	Passed
2026-04-21	FLOOR VOTE: REGULAR CALENDAR AS AMENDED PASSAGE ON	93	0	Passed
2026-03-09	FLOOR VOTE: as Amended Third Consideration	32	0	Passed
2026-03-03	SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE: Recommended for passag	9	0	Passed

## Amendments

- HA0572 — 2026-02-18 (Not Adopted)
- SA0563 — 2026-03-04 (Not Adopted)

## Related Bills

- HB 1951 (TN)
- SB 1815 (TN)

## Official Source

<https://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/Billinfo/Default?BillNumber=SB1815&ga;=114>

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