

HB 1951 • Tennessee

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

Introduced

Risk: High

Narrow/Targeted

Last Action (Apr 21, 2026): Sponsor(s) Added.

Summary

This bill creates the offense of coercive suicide, targeting AI systems that encourage individuals to commit suicide. The analysis is limited due to the absence of the full bill text.

Business Impact

If you own an AI system in Tennessee, you must ensure it does not advise or encourage suicide or face criminal charges.

Key Provisions

- Creates a new offense of coercive suicide.
- Specifies that encouragement of suicide by AI constitutes a criminal offense. The analysis cannot determine specific applications or limitations without the full bill text.

Compliance Checklist

- Ensure AI systems do not advise or encourage suicide | Who: Owners of artificial intelligence systems | Penalty: Potential criminal charges

Industries Affected

Mental Health

Technology

Law Enforcement

Bill Sponsors

Name	Party	Role
Ryan Williams	R	Sponsor
Jason Powell	D	Sponsor
Mary Littleton	R	Sponsor
Ron Travis	R	Sponsor
Rebecca Alexander	R	Sponsor
Lowell Russell	R	Sponsor
Elaine Davis	R	Sponsor
Richard Scarbrough	R	Sponsor
Clay Doggett	R	Sponsor
Joe Towns	D	Sponsor
Michele Reneau	R	Sponsor
Debra Moody	R	Sponsor

Roll Call Votes

Date	Description	Yea	Nay	Result
2026-04-17	HOUSE FINANCE, WAYS, AND MEANS COMMITTEE: Rec. for	26	0	Passed
2026-04-17	HOUSE FINANCE, WAYS, AND MEANS SUBCOMMITTEE: Rec.	13	0	Passed
2026-02-18	HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE: Rec. for pass. if am.,	22	0	Passed
2026-02-11	HOUSE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SUBCOMMITTEE: Rec for pass	8	0	Passed

Amendments

- HA0572 — 2026-02-18 (Not Adopted)
- HA1218 — 2026-04-20 (Not Adopted)

Related Bills

- SB 1815 (TN)
- SB1815 (TN)

Official Source

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