

SB 3735 • Illinois

EDUC-TECH RTS/BIOMETRIC INFO

In Committee

Risk: High

Comprehensive

Last Action (May 22, 2026): Rule 3-9(a) / Re-referred to Assignments

Summary

IL SB 3735: EDUC-TECH RTS/BIOMETRIC INFO amends the School Code and the Student Online Personal Protection Act, allowing opt-outs and restricting AI and biometric data use with specified exceptions, including destruction requirements.

Business Impact

If you operate educational technology services in Illinois, you must ensure compliance with student data privacy and AI usage regulations or face penalties.

Key Provisions

- Students and parents can opt out of school-issued personal electronic devices, electronic textbooks, electronic required reading, or electronic or online assignments without academic penalty.
- School districts are prohibited from acquiring and using biometric systems for student use, with specific prohibitions and requirements, and requirements for the destruction of biometric information when no longer needed.
- Operators cannot sell or rent student information collected except for K-12 purposes or in furtherance of improving operability and functionality of the operator's service.
- AI models are prohibited from training on covered information unless for K-12 school purposes or improving operability and functionality of the operator's service.
- Biometric information must be destroyed when no longer needed.
- Human review is required for automated scored grades.
- The bill removes language allowing school districts to adopt specified policies for biometric information.

Compliance Checklist

- Allow students to opt out of electronic devices and AI assessments | Who: School districts | Penalty: Unspecified penalties for non-compliance
- Ensure destruction of biometric information | Who: School districts | Penalty: Unspecified penalties for non-compliance

Industries Affected

Education Technology

Topics

Comprehensive AI AI Privacy AI in Education

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