

# HB 545 • Tennessee

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to artificial intelligence.

Introduced

Risk: Medium

Amendment

Effective: Aug 01, 2027 | Last Action (Apr 21, 2026): Sponsor(s) Added.

## Summary

The bill mandates professional development courses on AI for teachers in grades 6-12, to be completed by August 1, 2027, or within two years of licensure.

## Business Impact

If you employ teachers for grades 6-12 in Tennessee, they must complete AI training by August 1, 2027, or face potential licensing issues.

## Key Provisions

- Requires the Department of Education to offer AI professional development courses for teachers.
- Courses must be available at no cost to teachers in grades 6-12.
- Teachers must complete at least one AI course by August 1, 2027, or within two years of licensure.

## Compliance Checklist

- Complete at least one department-approved AI professional development course | Who: Teachers in grades 6-12 | Penalty: Potential impact on teaching license status

## Industries Affected

Education

## Topics

AI in Education

## Bill Sponsors

Name	Party	Role
Mark Cochran	R	Sponsor
Scott Cepicky	R	Sponsor
G.A. Hardaway	D	Sponsor

## Roll Call Votes

Date	Description	Yea	Nay	Result
2026-04-07	HOUSE FINANCE, WAYS, AND MEANS COMMITTEE: Rec. for	28	0	Passed
2026-04-01	HOUSE FINANCE, WAYS, AND MEANS SUBCOMMITTEE: Rec f	11	0	Passed
2025-03-25	HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Rec. for pass; ref to F	17	0	Passed
2025-02-25	HOUSE EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION SUBCOMMITTEE: Rec.	6	0	Passed

## Amendments

- SA0837 — 2026-03-24 (Not Adopted)
- HA1067 — 2026-04-07 (Not Adopted)

## Related Bills

- SB 677 (TN)

## Official Source

<https://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/BillInfo/Default?BillNumber=HB0545&ga;=114>

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