

SB 677 • Tennessee

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

Passed Both Chambers

Risk: Medium

Comprehensive

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

Summary

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

Business Impact

If you employ teachers for grades 6-12 in Tennessee, they must complete AI training by August 1, 2027, or risk losing their license.

Key Provisions

- Requires at least one professional development course on AI for teachers in grades 6-12.
- Course must be available at no cost to teachers.
- Teachers must complete the course by August 1, 2027, or within two years of licensure.
- The course must be department-approved.
- Focuses on the use of AI in the classroom.
- Amends Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49.

Compliance Checklist

- Complete a professional development course on AI | Who: Teachers in grades 6-12 | Penalty: Potential loss of teaching license

Industries Affected

Education

Topics

AI in Education

Bill Sponsors

Name	Party	Role
Dawn White	R	Sponsor
Raumesh Akbari	D	Sponsor
London Lamar	D	Sponsor
Bo Watson	R	Sponsor
Paul Rose	R	Sponsor
Jessie Seal	R	Sponsor

Roll Call Votes

Date	Description	Yea	Nay	Result
2026-04-21	FLOOR VOTE: REGULAR CALENDAR PASSAGE ON THIRD CONS	88	0	Passed
2026-04-06	FLOOR VOTE: as Amended Third Consideration	32	0	Passed
2026-03-24	SENATE FINANCE, WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE: Recommen	11	0	Passed
2025-02-19	SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Recommended for passag	8	0	Passed

Amendments

- SA0837 — 2026-03-24 (Not Adopted)

Related Bills

- HB 545 (TN)

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