

SB 677 • Tennessee

Education, Dept. of - As introduced, requires the department to provide at least one professional development course that provides asynchronous instruction on the use of artificial intelligence in the classroom and that is made available, at no cost, to teachers in grades 6-12; requires such teachers to complete at least one department-approved professional development course on the use of artificial intelligence in the classroom by August 1, 2027, or within two years of becoming licensed as a teacher in this state, whichever is later. - Amends TCA Title 49.

Unknown

Risk: Medium

Comprehensive

Last Action (Apr 21, 2026): Subst. for comp. HB.

Summary

This bill mandates asynchronous 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 face potential licensing issues.

Key Provisions

- Requires the Department of Education to provide a free asynchronous AI professional development course for teachers.
- Mandates completion of AI training by teachers in grades 6-12 by August 1, 2027.
- Applies to teachers who are newly licensed within two years of their licensure.

Compliance Checklist

- Complete a department-approved AI training course | Who: Teachers in grades 6-12 | Penalty: Potential impact on licensure status

Industries Affected

Education

Topics

AI in Education

Bill Sponsors

Name	Party	Role
White		Primary

Related Bills

- HB 545 (TN)

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<https://openstates.org/tn/bills/114/SB677/>

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